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12th "	PENINSULAR	5194	INDIA	7911
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5th Mar.	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
12th "	PENINSULAR	5226	ARCADIA	8603
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9th "	PENINSULAR	5226	OCEANA	9119
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23rd "	ORIENTAL	5231	MONGOLIA	9235
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LONDON, JANUARY 28.

THE Bombay mails of the 16th inst., arrived at Brindisi to-day.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	£88 1-16	= unchanged.
2½ do. Reduced	£97 1-2	= — 1-1
3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan	£101 1-2	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£84 1-2	= do

SILVER—

Spot in London	25 9-16	= — 5-16
2 months hence	25 1-4	= — 1-4
Spot in New York	55 1-8	= — 3-4

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25-16	= — 1-2
Berlin	20-49 1-4	= — 1-4
New York Demand	4·85 3-4	= + 1-8

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	= unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	3	= do
4 do do	3 1-8	= do
3 " Fine Trade Bills	3 1-2	= do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 5-8	= do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	3 3-4	= + 1-4
7 day market loans	3 5-8	= + 1-8

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £50,000 for S. America.

Extra Council Bills Allotments on Bombay, Rs. 7,00,000 at 1s. 4 1-8d.

Extra Council Bills allotments on Calcutta, Rs. 7,00,000 at 1s. 4 1-8d.

SUGAR—

German granulated 1st marks D.-J. 10 = unchanged, Steady.

RUBBER—

Para Rubber 4 3 plus 1-8. Done.

RAPESEED—

Yellow Cawnpore A.-M. Buyers 33s. 3d. = — 6d.

Brown J.-F. Buyers 31s. 6d. = — 3d. Dull.

LINSEED—

Linseed Bold. A.-M. Buyers. 33s. unchanged. Steady.

COFFEE—

Coffee in New York 8 11-16 plus 1-16.

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester strong. Total sales, 5,000. Spot 8·40 plus 24. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 9 7-8 plus 1-4. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 24,000. Arrivals closed steady.

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	March-April	April-May
8·18	8·19	8·18	8·17
+ 13	+ 19	+ 19	+ 19
May-June.	June-July	July-Aug.	
8 18	8 11	8·11	
+ 20	+ 20	+ 20	
Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.		
7 93	7 31		
+ 20	+ 19		

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	15,000
Do. last year	23,000
Exports to Great Britain	1,000
Do. do Continent	nil.
Mid-Uplands	10·25 + 50
Futures, month of March	10·30 + 54
Do. do. July	10·25 + 50

In New Orleans—

Spot	15 5-16 plus 3-8
Futures, month of April	10·20 plus 38
Do. do, July	10·76 plus 43
Tone at close	Steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Thursday, 28th January, 1904 :—

Cotton	13,412 bales.
Wheat	9783 cwts.
Linseed	1,306 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	913 "
Gingellyseed	14,053 "
Poppyseed	597 "
Groundnuts	785 "
Castorseed	710 "
Rice	4,515 "
Myrabolams	4,926 "
Cottonseed	3,373 "
Mowrasseed	76 "
Gram	878 "
Jowar	672 "
Maize	1,747 "

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.

COTTON.

THERE has been a steady rise in Americans throughout the week and present prices far exceed those current at the time of writing the last mail report. It seems impossible to foresee any limit to prices of this year's crop, as it appears to be entirely in the hands of manipulators who are enabled to force rates up out of all proportion to the ordinary rules of supply and demand. The total in sight on the 23rd January, 1903, was 7,740,000 bales, and the visible supply 3,650,000 bales, against 7,66,000 bales and 3,620,000 bales on the 22nd January this year, but the price in Liverpool was 4·84 last year against 7·90 this year, in New York it was 8·95 against 11·85 and in New Orleans 8 3-4 against 14 9-16. But it is quite useless to compare the position now with that of any former season. The fact remains that current prices are far in excess of anything within the memory of the present generation, and it remains to be seen how the trade can be worked under the new conditions.

The daily closing quotations for spot middling cotton in Liverpool and New York during the past week, are as follows :—

	Liverpool	New York.
January 22nd	8·00	14·75
" 23rd	7·90	14·35
" 25th	8 18	15·25
" 26th	8 20	15·25
" 27th	8·16	15·45
" 28th	8·40	16·25

In New Orleans futures for July have touched 16·76.

Our local market has shown considerable firmness throughout the week and there was an active demand daily from exporters chiefly for all descriptions of stapled cotton, for which very full rates are paid. There is apparently a good inquiry on the Continent for our crop, prices of which compare favorably with Americans. In ready cotton the advance locally has been trifling compared with those received daily from the home markets, and a large business has resulted. The settlement of the 26th instant passed off comparatively well, taking into consideration the very heavy differences to be paid and received. In forward delivery prices of Broach and Sawginned Dharwar have advanced some Rs. 20 and sellers are not willing to meet the enquiry even at current rates.

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales.
Receipts for the week	95,323
Receipts from 1st Oct. to January 28th	683,239
Shipments for the week to Europe	15,318
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	303
Total	15,723
Shipments from 1st October to Jan. 28th	
Europe	159 543
Japan	136,939
China	6,041
Coast Ports	2,879
Total	307 002
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	86,908
China, Japan, and Coast Ports	10,457

The following are the Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Delivery.
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	247	234	228	25 Feb.
Bengal (M.-G.) (Ry. terms)	240	230	...	do
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	240	230	...	do
Oomrawuttee (descriptions) M.-G.	260	250	...	do
Khandeish (M.-G.)	...	247	241	do
Jalgaum do.	...	250	243	do
Khandwa do.	...	270	264	do
Khamgaum fair staple (M.-G.)				
Karanji do. do.	270	264	...	do
Akola do. do.				
Oomras, good staple (M.-G.)	279	273	...	do
Damangaum Poolgaum (MG)	277	271	...	do
Nazpur Kamptee (M.-G.)	280	274	...	do
Broach (M.-G.)	320-22		298-300	25 March
Do. (M.-G.)	318	...	...	25 April
Bhownuggur (M.-G.)	280	270	...	25 May.
Do. (M.-G)	277	267	...	"
Mattia (M. G.)	259	249	...	25 February
Dharwar (S.-G.)	...	...	290	25 May.
Westerns	...	...	275	"

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone firm.

Estimated sales ..... 7,000 bales.

Imports 30,000

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April.
8 37	8 37	8·27
+19	+19	+19
April-May	May-June	June.-July.
8 26	8·25	8·24
+19	+19	+20
July.-Aug.		
8 31		
+21		

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

The rise in freights which has taken place during the past fortnight, both for ready and forward shipment, has had a depressing effect on those markets, and beyond a moderate enquiry, for ready delivery, in some descriptions there is but little business to report. In new crops for April-May delivery there is comparatively no thing doing.

LINSEED.—A steadier tone has prevailed in this market during the week under review and a moderate turnover is reported at Rs. 5-12 for ready lots. For new crop, April-May delivery, sellers are holding out for Rs. 5-14, and no business is reported at this rate, as offers from the other side are considerably below this parity.

RAPESEED.—With a small inquiry rates have given way slightly, and some transactions are reported in Brown Cawnpore at Rs. 5-6, to Rs. 5-7. In new crops business is at a standstill.

POPPYSEED.—Market easier at Rs. 5-13 for ready. In new crop sellers are still asking Rs. 6 at which price no business is reported.

CASTORSEED.—Remains quiet at about Rs. 21 with a small business passing daily.

GINGELLYSEED.—Arrivals are falling off, and with a fair demand to complete January shipments, a slight advance has taken place in some descriptions.

COTTONSEED.—We quote about Rs. 16-8 with a moderate enquiry.

WHEAT.—There is no change to record in this market. A small demand for export for hard red at Rs. 23 to Rs. 23 1-2 still exists, while in other qualities scarcely any enquiry is apparent. In new crop we hear of no business passing.

SEEDS—

	Rs. a. p.
Linseed—Tone quiet.	
Ready	5 11
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.	
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5 7 0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready.	5 15 0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready...	5 15 0
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.	
Ready	5 13 0
Castorseed—Tone quiet.	
Ready	21 0 0
Gingellyseed.—Tone firm.	
15 per cent. Mixed ...	31 8 0
25 per cent. " ...	30 8 0
50 per cent. " ...	29 8 0
Black Kutnee " ...	26 0 0

WHEAT.—Tone quiet.

Pissi 91 per cent.	Rs. 29 12
Club No. 1 "	29 4
Hard, Rs "	28

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Poppyseed	3,713 "
Groundnuts	11,368 "
Castorseed	7,209 "
Rice	99,707 "
Myrabolams	40,985 "
Cottonseed	49,601 "
Mowrassed	557 "
Gram	5,582 "
Joowar	9,218 "
Maize	3,492 "

FREIGHT.

The amalgamation which is reported to have been made between the competing Firms of Freight dealers has resulted in a considerable strengthening of rates in this market, which has been firm and advancing since last mail left.

In the beginning of the week business was done at 15s 6d. seeds, 17s 6d measurement for Liverpool whilst for Antwerp, Dunkirk, Hamburg, and Havre, cotton was booked at 16s. The closing rate for January shipment for these ports being 17s. 6d. to 18s. For February a fair amount was booked for various ports at 15s seads to 16s measurement. For forward business March to May bookings were made at 14s 6d but not much business has been done at this rate.

LINERS.—The Rubattino steamer for 15th February is full, relets have been done at 17s for measurement. The Austrian Lloyds have been booking at 15s extra steamers, and 15s 6d for steamer of 1st March. For forward they quote 14s 6d intermediate steamers and 15s. for steamers sailing on the 1st of every month.

The following charters are reported this week, viz., s s Lena for Genoa and or Marseilles one port at 15s, two at 15s 6d February loading,

s s Zinnia for Genoa and or Marseilles one port at 15s February loading,

s. s. Ant. St. George chartered for two Mediterranean ports, at 15s 6d January-February loading. The market closes firm.

MONEY.

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 23rd January last as compared with that of the previous week :—

LIABILITIES,	Rs.	
Public Deposits	2·57 lakhs	Increase,
Other Deposits	36·45 "	Decrease,
Sundries	20 "	Decrease.
Assets.		
Government Securities	33 lakhs	Decrease,
Other Authorized Securities	19 "	Decrease,
Credits on Securities	1·16 lakhs	Increase,
Loans, do.	1·49 "	Decrease,
Bills discounted & purchased	4·81 "	Decrease,
Balance with other Banks	2·37 "	Decrease,
Sundries	05 "	Decrease,
Cash	57·10 "	Decrease,

BANK RATE.

Bank of England since 3rd Sept.	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do 22nd Feb.	6	do.
Bank of Bengal do 21st Jan.	7	do,
Bank of Madras do 22nd Jan.	7	do.

The Bank of Bombay weekly cash balance, as shown above, has declined 57·10 lakhs and at the meeting of the Directors on Thursday afternoon the official Bank rate was left unchanged at 6 per cent. per annum. The Bank of Bengal cash balance has increased 57 lakhs and the Bank of Madras decreased 11 1-2 lakhs and in both Banks the rate is unaltered at 7 per cent. per annum to which it was raised last week.

The local money market remains very steady with a good enquiry on account of stocks of cotton. The fixed deposit rates for two and three months remain unchanged at 5 per cent. per annum.

PAPER CURRENCY RESERVE.

The following are the latest returns as published in the "Gazette of India", for the 15th January.

	Rs.
Silver coin	8,43,85,479
Gold coin and bullion	13,50,89,891
Silver held on account of Gold	1,314,371
Gold in transit to England	2,25,00,000

COUNCIL BILLS.

The total amount of Council Bills allotted during the week ending Tuesday evening amounted to Rs. 97·40 lakhs. On Wednesday at the weekly allotment sixty-one and a half lakhs of telegraphic transfers were taken up at 1s 4 5-32d and ten thousand rupees only in Bills at 1s 4 1-8d, tenderers at these rates receiving in full, thus bearing out the statement we made last week, that the Secretary of State in Council is prepared to supply the trade with all requirements. Extra allotments of Council Bills to the amount of Rs. 30·30 lakhs were made at 1s 4 1-8d, and a further allotment of 13 lakhs is announced this morning at the same rate.

For next week sixty lakhs is the amount to be allotted.

The mail of the 15th January brings £180,000 silver and £40,000 gold, and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 35,50,000
Bombay	" 23,80,000
Madras	" 12,80,000
	Rs. 72,10,000

The mail of the 22nd January brings £500,000 silver and £50,000 gold and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 47,90,000
Bombay	" 17,20,000
Madras	" 20 40,000
	Rs. 85,50,000,

The mail of the 29th January brings £300,000 silver and £80,000 gold, and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs. 17,00,000
Bombay	" 17,30,000
Madras	" 9,10,000
	Rs. 43,40,000

A shipment of gold from Melbourne to India and Ceylon is reported of £350,000.

EXCHANGE.

During the week under review we have again to record the sale of Bank Paper at above the gold point. The enquiry at the current quotations of 1s 4 1-8d for Bank T T and 1s 4 5-32d. for Bank Demand was very limited, and early in the week Bank T T was given at 1s 4 5-32d and on demand at 1s 4 3-16d for cash and early delivery. The heavy allotment of Council Telegraphic Transfers, reported here on Thursday morning, checked to some extent these high rates and quotations again reverted to the opening prices of the week. These rates are probably available up to the end of February, while for the forward delivery quotations are more or less nominal as buyers are asking higher rates than the Banks are prepared to concede, and we hear of no business passing.

Early on Monday morning a fair amount of Mercantile Paper was placed on the basis of 1s 4 11-32d for three months sight D.-A for delivery two or three mails ahead, but the Banks were soon filled up at this rate, and the quotation has since been 1s 4 3-8d., at which sellers show considerable reluctance to let go. With the strong demand now in evidence for loans to finance the cotton arrivals in Bombay, it seems improbable that lower rates will be accepted for this mail. We hear of sales of private demand at 1s 4 7-32 for the outgoing mail combined with 1s 4 3-16d for the mail of 6th February delivery. In private wire there was little business reported in the market for early delivery, and the Council allotment was probably availed of to some extent for these requirements. For forward delivery quotations were practically unchanged at 1s 4 11-32d. 3 months sight D-A from the middle of February, 1s 4 5-16d. March, 1s 4 9-32d. April and 1s 4 1-4d. May, with possibly slight concessions as to dates of delivery, and a moderate business passing.

In far Eastern exchanges, quotations have fluctuated following silver prices, with a little doing for China, but in view of the risk of war we hear of very few Japan bills being placed.

EXCHANGE—Tone firm.

Bank T.T.	1s. 4 1-8d. to 5-32d.
Bank Demand	1s. 4 5-32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A.-P.	1s 4 3-8d.
Do 6 do do	1s. 4 1-2d
French Francs 5 do do	171 3-4
Marks 3 do do	139 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	180
Shanghai 30 do do	180
Japan 30 do do	146

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

There has been rather more activity in this market during the past week, and with the near approach of the settlement, which takes place on Tuesday next, the volume of business passing has been on a larger scale. Bulls and Bears each have their turn, and the most is made of the news received regarding the political situation between Japan and Russia. Sentiment is playing a very large part, and it is difficult to foresee that even actual war between these two powers would have any material effect on the finances of India in the immediate future. However, the usual fluctuations are frequently reported and a difference of four or six annas up and down in one day is not uncommon. The average rate was somewhere about Rs. 96 while the highest recorded since last mail left was Rs. 96-4-0 and the lowest Rs. 95-15-0.

It is stated that paper is scarce for the settlement purposes and that sellers will have some difficulty in providing all that is required. The budlee rate has been opened at a difference of one-eighth higher for one month's delivery, but considering the near proximity of the settlement day we hear of little business reported at this comparatively low carrying over charge. It will be remembered that last settlement day the margin widened to half rupee, the Bank rate being then, as now, 6 per cent. But last settlement was very much larger than the approaching one and the differences very much heavier. There has been less wild speculation during the current month, and investors have taken advantage to some extent of any decline in price below 95. Early in the month the rate did touch Rs. 94-7 with a war scare, but since then a better feeling has been perceptible and the price was once raised to Rs. 96-6. We believe these represent the minimum and maximum rates since the settlement of the 5th instant.

The following are our closing rates :—

3 1-2 per cent	Cash	Rs.	95-15
Do	3rd February	Rs.	95-15
Do	2nd March	Rs.	96-1
3 per cents.	Cash	Rs.	75-0

	Repayable,	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	1923	101
4 per cent " "	1930	103 12
4 per cent " "	1932	103 12
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	1924	102
4 per cent " "	1943	103 4
5 per cent " "	Tanna	117
5 per cent " "	Sanitary	116
4 per cent Bo. Improvmt Trust	1939	101 12
4 per cent " "	1962	101 12

BULLION.

The Banks have sold about £ 70,000 of silver during the week. Business in the bazaar has been very active and the up-country markets have also been better buyers of silver. London is reported weak in the absence of buyers. Calcutta dealers have sold heavily in Bombay since last mail. The market is steady for gold with a good offtake.

	Rs. a. p.
English Bar Gold	21 6
Australian Bar Gold	23 15 6
Spanish Serenade...La Paloma	171 3-4
English Shield Sovereigns	10 1 0
Do. Drazons	13 0 0
Silver ex-duty Ready	65 10 0
Do. 1st settlement	65 10 0
Do. 2nd do.	65 2 0

PIECE-GOODS.

The market has been quiet during the week and demand from up-country continues to be moderate. Prices practically remain the same and no business either for ready or forward delivery has been booked. Owing to the heavy advance in cotton home quotations are much above the level of prices ruling here and even speculators have stopped further purchases.

YARNS.

The market has been firm during the week both here and in China. There is a moderate demand but prices are unchanged, the Bazaar have sold about 5 000 packages but are generally unwilling to part with their holdings at present rates, in view of the heavy advance in cotton. The mills are not selling.

METALS.

There is a further decline in Copper and Yellow metal this week and sales have been made locally under home equivalents. Deliveries are fair. In Iron and Steel the market remains very quiet with scarcely any fresh business reported. Spelter has also declined both at home and locally and stocks here are accumulating. Pig lead has advanced with but little doing. Quicksilver and Tin plates are unchanged.

COALS.

This market is quiet but steady owing to higher freights from Calcutta. In Bengal coal small sales of Deshergur are reported at Rs. 12 and a line of Jardine's Navigation is said to be sold at Rs. 10-12. January and February shipment. In Cardiff coal small sales are reported of ready at Rs. 18 while the quotation for forward is about half rupee lower.

SHARES.

The market is quiet and unchanged. Bank of Bombay shares have changed hands at and about Rs. 1,2524. In Mill shares, Manekji Petits ruled at and about Rs. 2,200, but lately they have declined to Rs. 2,170. Centrals are quiet at Rs. 1,570 and Swadeshis at Rs. 805. Chinas are quiet at Rs. 515, Currimbhais at Rs. 580, James Greaves Mill shares have changed hands at Rs. 225 and Leopolds at Rs 70. Morarjees and Sholahpurs are unchanged at Rs 1,635 and Rs 1,790 respectively. Kohinoors are steady at Rs 310. Colaba Land and Mill shares are steady at Rs. 37½. Davids have changed hands at Rs. 220 and Southern Marathas at Rs. 100. In Press Companies Mofussils have been reported to have changed hands at and about Rs 490. Indian Cotton Company shares in the middle of the week ruled at Rs 145 1/4 but later on they are in demand at Rs. 148 3-4. New Berars are quiet at Rs 490 In Railway Companies Tapti Valley shares have advanced to Rs 42½. Ahmedabad Prantej are weak at Rs. 465. In Miscellaneous List Alcocks are unchanged at Rs 265. Bombay-Burmahs have improved to Rs. 7,000 cum-divid, at and about which rate some transactions have been reported. Quarter shares have improved to Rs. 1,785 cum-divid. Port Cannings are steady at Rs. 420, Bombay Telephones are in demand at Rs. 24½. The rest of the Companies are unchanged and quiet at previous quotations.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JANUARY 28.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet
Surats	quiet
Good Bhowniggur	5 21-32
The Manchester Market has been	strong
2 1-2 per cent Consols	83 1-16
3 per cent Reduced	97 1-2
2 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	101 1-2
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	84 1-2
Bar Silver	25 9 16

The sum of about £500,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England

It is a strange fact about the much-discussed Albanians, whom events in the Near East are bringing more and more into the public mind, that in spite of their complexion the most complimentary tribute you can pay to one of them is to say that he is a man with a white face ("fasia bardha") which implies that he has killed another brave man in a vendetta without trembling. Say that he has a black face ("fascia zie"), and nothing but blood will wipe out the insult. His contempt for his own and other people's lives is well known. Perhaps some of it arises from the firmly credited legend that from the earth on which a brave man's blood has fallen the roses which adorn his country take their sustenance. In order to lessen the passion for vendetta among the Christian Albanians, the Pasha Mustapha of Scutari introduced the following strange procedure in case of a murder, which had considerable effect towards the desired end. The murderer having taken to the mountains, where he is usually met by his family and friends, a priest, in full canonicals and accompanied by a choir of children, visits the family of the murdered man and exhorts them to forgive. If his prayers are ineffective he pronounces the following malediction in the name of the Church, striking the earth with the foot of his pastoral staff :—"Your bullets shall not reach their mark, your powder shall not propel them, your race shall grow feeble, and those of your blood who now bear me shall die if you lift your gun." The idea of the Mahomedan pasha thus keeping the peace among a Christian people is not unprovocative of thought.

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BOMBAY.

DEATH.

BARNABAS.—January 28, Miss Anna Elizabeth Barnabas, sister-in-law of the Rev. Bapu Padmaji, aged 60 years. Deeply mourned by her many friends and relatives. God's Will be done. Blessed are they that die in the Lord.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

DAY.—January 21, at Nelli mundi, Moppadi, South Wynaad the wife of E. H. F. Day, of a son.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 35m. Sun sets, 5h. 51m. High water 8 57m., 10-10a. Low water, 3·23m., 3-16a.

P. and O. steamer Peninsular, with English Mails of 15th instant, due to arrive at 9 a.m.

Bombay Extra Races.

Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races.

B. V. R. Camp-of-Instruction opens at Santa Cruz.

Unconvenanted Service Family Pension Fund, Meeting in the Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Meeting of University Senate, 5-15 p.m.

Rev. H. McNeile's Lecture on the Avesta and the Bible, C. M. S. Lecture Hall, Grant Road, 6 p.m.

Performances by the London Ladies Trio, Town Hall.

Novelty Theatre, Miss Stanley's Comic Opera and Dramatic Company, 9-30 p. m.

Harmston's Circus, Esplanade.

Warren's American Circus, Esplanade.

Departure of Sir James Willcocks, Victoria Terminus, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 36m. Sun sets, 5h. 51m. High water, 2-47m., 3-21a. Low water, 9-12m., 8-45a.

MESSRS. SOUNDY and Co., Ld., have been honoured with a diploma of appointment in ordinary to H. E. Lord Lamington, this makes the sixth successive appointments of the kind held by the firm.

AN UNSAFE HOUSE.—A portion of a wall of a three-storeyed house, belonging to one Tyab Hoosein, in Sarang Street, suddenly collapsed on Thursday. The Municipal Executive Engineer's Department was informed and that authority having pronounced the building to be unsafe, the tenants were ordered to vacate, which they did.

SOMNAMBULISM.—Chanibai, a Mahomedan woman, aged eighty years, was found dead this morning in a sweeper's gully to the north of her house, in Ripon Road. The deceased lived with her son on the third storey of the house. She had been totally blind for the past nine years and subject to walking in her sleep. It is supposed that she fell out of a balcony near her room while walking in her sleep and was killed on the spot.

CONTROLLING TEA-SHOPS.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Roberts charged Hajee Mahomed Esub, and Chandbhai Gulamhusein, tea-shop keepers, with keeping their shops open after 9 p. m. in contravention of the municipal rules. Mr. Dasai, pleader, appeared for the first accused. The first accused had his shop in Bhindi Bazar and the second in Khoja Street. Mr. Dasai said that the rule was a new one, not generally known, and that others were not aware of it. He requested his Worship to let his client go with a warning. Inspector Cauty, who was present in court, said the rules were pasted in the streets and sufficiently notified. The Magistrate fined the accused Rs. 3 each.

MUSIC AT THE MAHALUXMI RACES.—By kind permission of Captain Bailey the Band of the 123rd Outram's Rifles will play the following programme, under the direction of Mr. J. Fredelis, Bandmaster, commencing at 3-30 p.m., to-day :—

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Overture	Light Cavalry ..... Suppe.
Valse	Estudiantina ..... Waldteufel.
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Cakewalk	Creole Belles ..... Lampe.
Selection	Pirates of Penzance, Sullivan.

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THE steamer Idar, 2611 tons, Captain D Milne, sailed yesterday for Antwerp with a general cargo.

THE steamer Shahnoor, 2198 tons, Captain J E Davison, will sail to-day for Jeddah, with 1048 pilgrims as passengers.

THE steamer Saga, 699 tons, Captain E Natrig arrived in harbour yesterday for Bangkok 16th January with a cargo of timber.

THE steamer Shahnoor 2198 tons, Captain J E Davison, arrived in harbour on the 28th instant, from Jeddah 19th January with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Bhundara, 2214 tons, Captain C H Sharp, will sail to-day for Calcutta via Coast ports with a general cargo and 5 deck passengers.

THE Japan Mail Steamship Co's steamer Hiroshima Maru, 2033 tons, Captain J Nagao, sailed yesterday for Kobe &c, with a general cargo, two cabin and 6 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Katoria, 631 tons, Captain H Mogtarmed arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 28 cases opium, and the following passengers:—Mr H P Chalk, Mrs W F Garlen, Monsieur J Sloere, Mr E Macpherson, Mr C Roberts, Mr O A Fatteh, Mrs M J Mowla and child and 9 deck.

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H M S Sphinx	Comdr Kemp	Royal Navy
Torpedo Boat No. 101		
Do No 102		
Do No 103		
Juba	734 Wilson	East Africa Despatch steamer
Mermaid	Craig	Dredger

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 29.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
Dewanchand bg	768	Nacoda			The Ocean
Fazul Karim	636	Nacoda			G Muthwani
Pallana	1934	Lennarchand			M M & Co
India	2591	Plummer			M M & Co
Banoa	2791	Ferguson			P & O Co
Selsdon	2451	Gagot			K N & Co
Goolpara	1338				M M & Co
Simla	2828	Summers			P & O Co
Lega	2279	Dale			A Montechoff
Umta	3451	Lee			M M & Co
Hazara	1336	McCleland			M M & Co
Kut of the Thistle	4295	Baker			K Nixon & Co
Sirsa	1973	Abbott			M M & Co
Okara	3439	Fenwick			M M & Co
Dulwich	2411	Dudley			W & A Graham & Co
Pandit	3532	Christie			T M & Co
Amirade	85	Nacoda			V Henriques
Shahnoor	2198	Davison			E Tajbhoy
Katoria	663	McDiarmed			M M & Co
Tientsin	3593	Kenrick			P & O Co
Oriental	3265	Spicer	Aden	3-1	P & O Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
A R I M S	Hardinge	2276	De Berry		2-2	Berbera
D	Nankin	2357	Roberts	China	2-2	P & O Co
K	Spithead	2993	Stewart	Antwerp	2-2	W & A G & Co
L	Puri	251	Ahmed	N F N F	Shpl	& Co
N	Maru	4035	Nago	Japan	29-1	N Y Kaisha
P	Corn Exchange	2476	Barchan	Trieste	5-2	J M & Co
Q	Somali	1622	Volkertsen	Zanzibar	13-1	A Strandes

HARBOUR WALL.

Ponani	552	Mohamed	Bhawagar	30-1	Shpl & Co
Satrunji	547	Ahmed	Karachi	30 1	do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
1	Gibraltar	2173	Knagg	Dunkirk	30-1	T M & Co
2	Persia	2331	Mitchell	Liverpool	3-2	W & A G & Co
3	Idar	2610	Milne	Antwerp	29-1	K N & Co
7	Imperator	2320	Moses	Trieste	1-2	A L S N Co
8	Istria	1753	Ivelich	Trieste	1-2	A L S N Co
9	Kt of St George	2969	Hicks	Marseilles	6-2	K N & Co
10&11	Counsellor	3170	Cowie	Liverpool	13-2	K Nixon & Co
12	Marmora	2239	Laughton	London	6-2	P & O Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Dwarka	759	Rothwell	Karachi	30-1	M M & Co
Dumra	762		Karachi	1-2	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
25	Shahnoor S.	Davison	Jeddah, Jan 19
29	Katoria S.	McDiarmid	Bussrah, Jan 21
	Saga S.	Natrig	Bangkok, Jan 16

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
29	Hugin S.	Anderson	Colombo
	Ituna S.	Kendall	Calcutta, &c
	Rance S.	Norum	Jeddah
	Idar S.	Milne	Antwerp
	Hiroshima Maru	Nagoo	Japan

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—
Steamer Shahnoor, Davison, for Jeddah,
" Bhundara, Sharp, for Calcutta, &c.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Somali, for Zanzibar, &c.
" Surulo, for Calcutta, &c.
" Sirsa, for Rangoon, &c.
" Otaello, for Hull via Karachi.
" Hermann Loreh for Odessa and Constantinople

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.
ADEN, JAN. 28, 8 P.M.

The B I S N Co's steamer Gorkha, left to-day.
SUEZ, JAN. 28.
The steamer Clan Macintyre, left here this morning.
The N Y K steamer Bombay Maru, arrived at Kobe, on the 27th instant.
The Florio and Rubattino Co's steamer Capri, from Bombay arrived at Singapore on the 28th inst.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR T. W. CUFFE COMMANDING BO. LT. HORSE.
Bombay, 30th January.

1. There will be no class Firing or Practice at Santa Cruz to-day Saturday the 30th inst ult.
2. There will be a Parade at the Riding School next Monday 1st February at 7 a.m.
Dress—Plain Clothes.
3. The Corps will parade with His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard next Tuesday the 2nd February at 7 a.m. at Church Gate Station.
Dress—Drill order.

By Order,
F. A. REDDIE, Lieut.,
Ag. Adjutant, Bo. Lt. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR R. W. L. DUNLOP, COMMANDING, B. V. R.
Bombay, 30th January.

1. There will be Commanding Officer's Parade at Santa Cruz, to-day Saturday next, the 30th inst. at 4-30 p.m. (Bombay Time).
Dress—Drill Order, Putties to be worn.
Train leaves Colaba, at 3-5 p.m. (Bombay Time) and return from Santa Cruz at 7-21 p.m. and 9-36 p.m. (Bombay Time).
Railway fares will be paid for those joining this train at Colaba, Church Gate, Marine Lines, Charni Road, Grant Road and Mahalaxmi Stations.
Members rolling from other Stations on the G. I. P. Railway will pay their own fares which will be refunded.
Dinner will be provided in Camp about 7-30 p.m. for members of A C D E and F Companies who attend this parade.
Cadets will attend this parade and will return by the train leaving Santa Cruz at 7-21 p.m. (Bombay Time).
Members of Adult Companies who intend to remain in Camp are requested to bring their bedding.
2. The Annual Inspection will take place at 4-30 p.m., on Saturday the 6th February 1904.
3. It is notified for information that the Head-Quarters Office, Carnac Road, is temporarily closed and is now open at Camp Santa Cruz, where all communications should be addressed up to the 7th February 1904.
4. It is notified for information that there will be Prize Shooting for teams during the Camp; but no man will be allowed to compete who has not completed his Class Firing.
5. Leave of absence has been granted to No 1079 Gr. Sergt R F Smith "O" Company up to the 31st March 1904.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

NOTICE.

It is notified for information that Sports will be held in Camp on Friday afternoon the 5th February 1904.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JANUARY 29.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Councellor s—110 bales cotton Glade and Co; 43 bales wool David Sassoon and Co; 150 bales hemp P Bhimjee; 185 tins oil cake The New Mofussil Co; 39 bales wool D Nagjee; 325 ors grain Hurry Kanjee,

FOR LONDON.

Marmora s—165 bales hemp P Bhimjee; 162 cwt condiments M Poonjiajee and Sons; 57 cwt dry ginger D Harridas and Co; 212 cwt olibanum A Chagla and Co; 500 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 10 bales Hemp Tyabjee and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Gibraltar s—230 bales cotton Prior de Saone and Co; 300 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Gibraltar s—3 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR HULL.

Othello s—100 bales hemp Kiddie Reeve and Co; 6000 cwt cotton seed Killick Nixon and Co,

FOR ANTWERP.

Spithead s—210 bales cotton Kaldhan and Co; 270 bale cotton Forbes Forbes Campbell and Co; 25 cases rough stones, J M Salaymahomed; 2 20 cwt myrabolams 47,000 cwt Bapalji Issa Vakil Bros; 100 cwt gum H Virdhere; 220 cales cotton The Bombay Co; 220 bales cotton Glazebrook Tejpal and Co,

FOR GENOA.

Councellor s—200 bales cotton Glade and Co; 500 bales cotton The Bombay Co; 500 bales cotton Glazebrook Tejpal and Co; 220 bales cotton Forbes Forbes Campbell and Co; 300 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

FOR ODESSA.

Corn Exchadge s—350 bales cotton The Bombay Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Persia s—2 pots rosa oil E A Moochalla,

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperator s—330 bales cotton Ralli Brothers 75 cwt myrabolams P Jethabhoy; 170 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.
Corn Exchange s—45 bales cotton The Bombay Co 132 cwt olibanum P Jethabhoy 330 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.
Istria s—330 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 110 bales cotton Volkart Bros; 110 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co; 2 bales cotton The Bombay Co.

FOR FIUME.

Istria s—110 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

FOR BARCELONA.

Persia s—650 bales cotton Ralli Brothers,

FOR VENICE.

Istria s—220 bales cotton Volkart Brothers; 100 bales cotton A Baschock and Co,
Imperator s—110 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

FOR KOBE.

Nankin s—8 bales cotton J A Begbie and Co; 200 bales cotton G Dossa and Co; 1,09 bales cotton Tata and Co; 30 bales cotton Gaidun and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Nankin s—500 bales twist Sassoon J David and Co; 53 bales twist David Sassoon and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Nankin s—500 bales twist, Sassoon J David and Co; 75 cwt olibanum M J Joomabhoy and Co; 90 cwt sharkfins A Chagla and Co; 35 cwt sharkfins H A Mahomed.
Hiroshima Maru s—250 cwt onion H O Abbs.

THE universality of the movement in favour of the rights of woman is shown by the fact that even in oppressed Finland it has for some time been making considerable progress. Unfortunately, as with so many other excellent propaganda, some of its supporters seem unable to distinguish between the substance and the shadow. At Helsingfors the "feminist" society known as the Union is agitating for the suppression of the words "Mademoiselle" and "Madame" and their equivalents, on the ground that they recall too vividly how much women are dependent upon the male sex. Surely there are more pressing grievances crying out for remedy than this!

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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1904.

IS THE GAME WORTH THE CANDLE.

ARE we not growing too serious over our amusements, is the theme of an article, both suggestive and minatory, in the current "Blackwood," that will be understood by every class of the community at home, and will specially appeal to that section who are struggling to fit the younger generation for the tough battle that, if won, will place them in a position to be useful citizens and honorable sharers in the world's work. Times are changed since games were learnt on the happy-go-lucky system that boys evolved among themselves during the shorter and more desultory play-hours of a bye-gone day. The rush for the play-ground was then as ardent and as simultaneous as it is now, but there was none of the worship of system and the orderly development of skill that is insisted on in the fields to-day. The "science of the game" was not, and yet the judgment, the power of initiative, the qualities that go to make a leader, or a fairly disciplined follower, were unconsciously developed, as they always must be, by practice, and few will hold that the men of the generation now looking back over the long road of life were in any way inferior to those who have the doubtful advantages of longer play-hours consecrated to systematic practice in every game, to expert teaching of its highest perfection, to regular promotion from the outer courts through the successive steps that lead to the proudest post in the foot-ball or cricket field. When masters interested themselves in the play-hours of the boys, it was but natural that games should be pursued on a different system from the rough and tumble presided over by the boys themselves. Thus we have the perfected flower of the game-plant, every petal in its place, every brilliant effect displayed. Shall we presently see its withered leaves replaced by the fruit of a stronger race and one more fitted than their forbears to bear the burden of Empire? The writer of "A Nation at Play: The Peril of Games" has most depressing doubt as to the good effect of the system of "thorough" in the matter of athletic sports. He see every good point in this attitude of the public schools, and in a way admits that, given the almost universal sentiment on the subject, that attitude is as justifiable as it is inevitable. What he does object to and would hope, if he dared, to see remedied is the practice of frittering away the young lives of boys in too accurate a study and too laborious a practice of the petty details of game-playing. He gives full credit to the share that games have had in developing "the thew and sinew, the ready eye and the ready hand, the fortitude and the endurance, characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon race, which have won us our place in the world," but 'an they bring young men no further than the cricket or foot-ball field in the great world's manœuvres, he withholds much of his approbation.

We are familiar with the warning in which Nero figures as fiddling while Rome was in flames, though it was hardly his playing that set the Imperial City on fire. Nor could it possibly have been the gladiatorial displays that overflowed Vesuvius and buried Herculaneum. But it is perfectly true that the performances of the Australians in various matches in England, and since at the Antipodes, obtained more serious attention than events of more international importance. It is not precisely fair to lay down that the death roll in South Africa attracted less attention, for seldom were the events of a war brought home to a nation more tragically than by the all-embracing list of killed and wounded that flew over the wires after each engagement. But that the political aspect of the war was understood by few as compared to the informed interest which the general public display towards the performances of great yachts or great cricket players there cannot be the slightest doubt. It is hard to be told, and told truly, that the advances of the nation in geographical discovery, in air navigation in naval gunnery, by no means keep pace with the cordiality with which the new calling of a professional foot-ball player is accepted and adopted. The critic amusingly illustrates the fine line that separates the amateur from the professional player, and gently regrets that the classical laurel or parsley crown is not now the blameless reward for excellence in the field. The true incentives to a player to raise his average, love of the game and the necessity for taking exercise in some interesting and concentrated form, would replace the gaudy cup or service of plate. The professional has become a necessity of the case; first, as a technical instructor who is more or less stationary and to be relied on, and secondly, as a stern necessity in matches on which the teams or sides are so keen that the services of the full complement of ordinary amateurs are not available and do not of themselves suggest victory. The writer declares that in "investigating the circumstances that attend action" a Football Union does its work "with far more thoroughness and exactitude than either county, district, or parish council." We never knew that any of these bodies were consistently remarkable for wisdom. Some public-spirited individual might profitably embark on an admirable crusade to bring them up, say, to the level of a football or cricket union. If the nation is serious in its treatment of games, let sportsmen imbue public bodies with their spirit and all will be well. There will not then be a far keener competition for a seat on any local football committee, than for one on a Local Council entrusted with the civic management of a district. That it is so now the tens of thousands attest, that gleefully pay double gate money to watch the final tie for the Association Football Cup, a tie played off not by enthusiastic mateurs, but by twenty-two paid men. It does indeed seem as if Great Britain were taking games if not sadly a little too seriously. The leisured class lead in the matter of devoting time, money and skill to games, the working man, who jealously claims his privilege of eight hours' work and high wages, follows suit and is ready to sacrifice even some of those eight hours to look on at a match. Can it be, as is here intimated, that work, for which so many are clamouring, is looked on as a grievance, by these determined votaries of pleasure, and the playing or watching of games regarded as a necessity of life, to which every spare minute of their time must be devoted?

In schools, the game master has come to stay, and "if the playing of ball-games is a matter of such paramount importance in England our boys must be educated to take their part," writes this essayist. The headmaster is by no means ignorant of the fact that the modern parent is more keen to appreciate the information that "his boy's tutor made a century at Lord's, or stroked the winning University Eight," than to inquire what degree of scholastic information he can impart. Nevertheless, this critic considers the presence of the game-master "a distinct blot on our public-school system." A boy reasons by analogy, and if the game-master "be known to hold his place solely on the ground of his capacity for giving instruction in the art of game-playing, he must indeed partake of the nature of an angel, if his presence in a school is not by way of being more prolific of harm than good. . his athletic attainments will establish him as a hero and a model for imitation in the eyes of a majority of our boys." There is, of course, always the chance, that he is a scholar first, and an athlete after, when the influence he exercises would necessarily be more on the side of good. It is not unheard of that a master of other subjects is selected, because he has attained excellence as one of a crack eleven at college, or is a Blue, nor is it unknown that a good post in other walks is given unasked to such a man, although he may not have qualified in the usual way. There is, of course, always the presumption—and a fairly just one—that the man who has steadily distinguished himself in games has both tact and organising power, two most necessary qualities in managing boys—or men. The man who has come out high in the list of wranglers, or is an Ireland or Craven scholar, and can hold his own on the river, or in the football or the cricket-field is a rarer find, but he exists, and for him are the first and best fruits of the earth, for has he not brought the even balance of mind and body to perfection? To play is the prerogative of the young, and to banish games would be as cruel as impolitic, but to teach them as they now are taught threatens to stifle all originality and kill the power of initiative, as well as to authorise the young imagination in be ieving that "the game as a game is part and parcel of life's business." A boy labours so hard at his games that by the study-hour he is physically so tired that he cannot possibly apply his brain to book-work with any hope of success. During class hours he is certain to be mentally occupied with pleasurable anticipations or recollections of the play-ground and this added to the non-preparation of his tasks, will not make for the gaining of a high place in his form, or for a subsequent brilliant college career. He may acquire the valuable virtues of "pluck and patience, endurance and concentration of energy, coolness in the presence of difficulties and modesty in the hour of success," which will be of incalculable benefit in life and all the world over, but the virtue of moderation might be added to the list without in any way imperilling the chance of acquiring the others or making of school-days a time of classical suffering without any hope of final advantage. The athlete should be left time and energy to cultivate his intellect as well as his muscles.

LUNACY AND SUICIDE.

IT is undoubted that one of the crying needs of the age is an increase of lunatic asylums. The present institutions are crowded and the statistics of lunacy prove that the numbers of persons suffering from mental maladies are growing every year. Dr. Robert Reid Rentoul who has written a pamphlet on the best method of checking this alarming growth of lunacy, regards it as ample evidence of the deteriorating national physique in England. Reasoning from the theory of a sound mind in a sound body does not, however, appear quite to meet the case, for the lunatic asylums are largely recruited from the population of the country districts, where the general physique is good but the circumstances of life are depressing. The cities provide their own causes leading to mental disease. Dr. Rentoul, however, has his own idea and makes the startling statement that by maintaining institutions for the treatment of the mentally afflicted "we are engaged in the apparently peasant pastime of manufacturing lunatics and others of this class." We take great pains to check suicide by protecting and controlling would-be suicides, but in spite of our efforts the cases of self-destruction increase annually. Dr. Rentoul finds in this fact evidence of nature's method of eliminating lunacy and suggests that nature should be allowed to have her own way in the matter. In other words he would place no obstacles in the way of suicidal maniacs putting an end to themselves. In another form Dr. Rentoul revives the theory of the Greek philosopher that only the fit should survive. By spending immense sums of money upon the maintenance of would-be suicides and in permitting many to beget tainted offspring do we not, he asks, in reality actively support the survival of the unfit? "Think," he adds, "how nature would reduce the number of lunatics to the smallest proportion were she not so persistently and deliberately thwarted." It is fortunate, he considers, that in spite of efforts to prevent it suicide is increasing, but looking at the ever-growing number of attempted suicides he asks are we justified in endeavouring to prevent lunatics and other degenerates from committing suicide? He believes that nature in the future will exact an account from the race because of the perpetuation of mental deficients. His other remedy for checking lunacy and degeneracy is the heightening of the legal marriageable age and the prevention of the marriage of persons discharged from asylums for the insane. If lunacy is to be eradicated it can only be done on the principle of extirpation advocated by Dr. Rentoul but every dictate of sentiment forbids a general approval of his advocacy of suicide. In the majority of cases self-destruction is undoubtedly the act of a maniac, but in many instances it is a moot point as to how far it represents the cowardly acceptance of the lesser of two evils. The coroner's jury proceeds on the charitable assumption that only the mentally unhinged can put an end to themselves. But if the traditional horror with which suicide is regarded were to give place to another feeling it is to be feared that it would become the easy refuge of many more than at present from the troubles inseparable from existence.

TRADE WITH TRANS FRONTIER COUNTRIES.

THE Punjab Administration Report for 1902-1903 contains an extremely interesting account of the state of trade with the trans-frontier countries, which, however, cannot be regarded as altogether satisfactory. Imports show a decrease of 23 lakhs of rupees in value and exports a decrease of 9 lakhs as compared with the previous year in weight as well as in value. Kashmir, as is only to be expected, monopolises the largest percentage of imports and exports, claiming 91 per cent. of the former and 96 per cent. of the latter. The remainder is distributed between Kabul, Ladakh, and Chinese Tibet. The value of all kinds of imports was Rs. 1,08,71,591 and of exports Rs. 1,07,23,722. The drop in trade to and from Kashmir computed to be 21 lakhs and 13 lakhs in imports and exports respectively is set down as being due to plague. Ludhiana city, a large trading centre, was so badly infected that it is little wonder that traders avoided the place. Taking the various articles of import the only noticeable increases are under charas, raw silk, timber, and silver. Of these the first and the last two articles would hardly be subject to the influence which affect the current of ordinary trade, while, as regards raw silk, the Commissioner of Rawalpindi remarks that he believes the increase to be due to the sericulture operations which have been taking place in Kashmir. Turning to the exports the year has been marked by a large increase in the amount of wheat supplied to Kashmir, but on the other hand decreases are recorded under the heads piece-goods, European and Indian, salt, and refined sugar. The total value of trade with Ladakh has decreased by about a lakh, of which two-thirds is due to less imports and one third to less exports. Charas the chief import absorbed no less than Rs. 5,58,650 of a total of Rs. 6,80,555 at which the year's imports are valued. Of exports European piece-goods exhibited the principal decrease which is ascribed to the fall in the value rates of charas, for which these articles are taken in exchange. The trade with Chinese Tibet is represented by imports valued at Rs. 2,02,276 as compared with Rs. 2,93,909 the previous year and by exports valued at Rs. 39,972 as against Rs. 41,751 in 1901-02. No explanation is given of the remarkable decrease in the value of raw wool imported, amounting to Rs. 97,620. The value of imports from Kabul show a decline from Rs. 35,000 to Rs. 30,000, while exports rise from Rs. 28,000 to Rs. 40,000. Under imports sheep and goats and hides show an increase, while fruits of all kinds exhibit a marked decrease. Drought and a failure of fodder in the exporting districts are said to account for both these variations. It would seem that the fluctuations shewn in the year 1902-03, both in imports and exports are sufficiently accounted for by the good season enjoyed in British territory and the bad season across the border.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. Coromandel is expected to arrive in Bombay from China at 5 p.m., on Sunday next.

THE orders which were being placed in India and Burma for food grains for Japan continue suspended. There has been practically no business done for the past fortnight.

FAMILIES of all officers, including Field Officers, who are serving with the Aden Boundary Commission, have been made eligible for non-entitled passages to England.

ACTIVE preparations are being made to lay the foundations of the Victoria Memorial Hall, Calcutta, near the Cathedral. It is being fenced in and materials are being collected.

THE Amir of Kabul is reported as sending two trusted Sirdars to Mecca with gold to the value of £2,000 with a view to the construction of a serai at Mecca and another at Medina for the benefit of Afghan pilgrims.

A COLOMBO telegram states that the directors of the P. and O. Company have decided not to send any tender for the Australian mail contract under the conditions advertised by the Commonwealth.

THE Bengal Government have asked the Indian Tea Association for their views on the proposed territorial change in Bengal as affecting the tea industry in Assam. The Association are consulting its branches in Assam and the Surma Valley before replying.

IT had come to be looked upon as so much of a settled thing that an Indian cricket team was to visit England next summer, many of the engagements with the County Clubs having been already fixed and the preliminary selection matches already played at Bombay, that, says the "Pioneer," there will be great surprise and disappointment all over the country at the news that the scheme has fallen through.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway for the week ending 12th December, amounted to Rs. 2,923, being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 1,236. The total earnings from 1st July to 12th December were Rs. 58,227, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 6,287.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the week ending 12th December, amounted to Rs. 18,077, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 1,023. The total earnings from 1st July to 12th December were Rs. 2,60,460, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 9,926.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Dholka Railway, for the week ending 2th December, amounted to Rs. 1,574, and the total earnings from 1st July to 12th December were Rs. 34,156.

SIR DENZIL IBBETSON, replying to a question put at the last meeting of the Viceroy's Legislative Council, stated that Government were deputing some educational officers to Japan to study on the spot the manner in which industries in Western knowledge had been developed under Eastern conditions. Mr. Sharp, Professor of Logic and Moral Philosophy, Elphinstone College, Bombay, is as a the "Pioneer," one of the officers selected, and he goes to Japan this year while on furlough. Proposals for a similar deputation of the late Mr. G. H. Stuart, Director of Public Instruction, Madras, were interrupted by his death.

REGARDING the report that the Tibet Missions will be opposed by Russians, the "Pioneer" says:—One has only to recall the absurd scare in Darjeeling in 1888 during the Sikkim Expedition of that year (when a force of Tibetans was rumoured to be approaching the station) to understand how wild reports now get afloat. The latest news from the Mission is, we understand, that all was well with Colonel Younghusband and that the Tibetans were sitting in their cam

TELEGRAMS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

Russia's Reply to Japan.

MANCHURIA THE CRUX.

JAPAN'S DETERMINATION.

ULTIMATUM EXPECTED.

LONDON, JANUARY 28.

The Grand Duke Alexis Alexandrovitch to-day presided at a special Council at St. Petersburg, which was attended by Count Lamsdorff, the Ministers of Marine and War, the Chief of the Army staff and others. The sitting lasted an hour and a half.

It is officially announced that the object of the Council was to find means of peacefully settling the dispute with Japan.

It is expected that the Grand Duke Alexis will frame a report which will be submitted to the Emperor to-morrow and the reply to Japan will probably be despatched on Saturday.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

The "Daily Graphic" despite last evening's St. Petersburg telegrams says it is able to most positively affirm that Russia's reply to Japan was completed on Wednesday and approved by the Tsar.

It has not yet been despatched, but the substance has been communicated to M. Kurino, the Japanese Ambassador at St. Petersburg, who telegraphed it to his Government by whom it was conveyed to the friendly Powers yesterday.

It is courteously worded but absolutely refuses to reinsert the word *China* which was previously struck out in the clause of the draft Treaty, whereby Russia and Japan agree to respect the integrity of China and Korea.

It is anticipated that the official presentation of the reply will be followed by the withdrawal of M. Kurino from St. Petersburg and a notification that Japan has no other alternative but to take up arms in defence of her interests.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 29.

A special cable from the "Pioneer's" correspondent dated London, the 28th January, says that the Washington correspondent of the "Morning Post" is in a position to know that after a long conference with Count Lamsdorff on Tuesday, the Japanese Minister M. Kurino was left with the belief that Russia will return an evasive reply, leaving Japan no alternative but to send an ultimatum.

COLOMBO, JANUARY 29.

Commander Lieutenant John Francis Lea, R. N., interviewed on the new Japanese warship Nisshin, denied Reuter's telegram of the 11th instant, that before leaving Genoa an attempt was made to destroy the vessel.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 28.

It is stated at Vancouver that the Japanese Government has requisitioned twenty steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line.

WHITAKER WRIGHT'S DEATH.

Result of the Inquest.

VERDICT OF SUICIDE.

The result of the coroner's inquest held on Whitaker Wright's body to-day was that the jury returned a verdict of suicide.

EMPIRE GROWN COTTON.

Experiments in West Africa

DEPUTATION TO THE COLONIAL OFFICE.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.

The Duke of Marlborough, in the absence of Mr. Lyttelton, replying to a deputation of the British Cotton Growers' Association which asked for land grants in West Africa, said that every possible assistance would be given to the Association, its objects being regarded as a matter of the greatest importance to the Nation and Empire.

MR. JUSTICE GURUDAS BANERJEE.

FAREWELL ADDRESS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 29.

The members of the Vakeels Association gave a farewell address in the High Court to-day to Mr. Justice Gurudas Banerjee who is retiring. The Chief Justice and all the Judges attended. The retiring judge will be a loss to the court.

THE VICEREGAL TOUR.

H. E. the Viceroy embarks on the morning of the 14th February for Chittagong direct. Thence he proceeds to Narsinganje, Dacca and Mymensingh. He returns to Calcutta about the 27th. The party accompanying him comprises of Mr. Miller, Private Secretary; Major Bird, I. M. S., Surgeon-Major Strachey, Comptroller of Household; and Major Adam and Captain Wigram, Aides-de-Camp.

PROPOSED NEW RAILWAYS.

The Government of India has sanctioned the making of a survey by State Agency for a railway from Sara to Serajganj, a distance of fifty miles, and by the East Indian Railway for a line from Barbarwa, via Azimganj to Atwa.

UNCOVENANTED SERVICE FAMILY PENSION FUND.

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 29.

The annual meeting of the Uncovenanted Service Family Pension Fund for last year was held to-day. The report shows that in the widow's branch 2 3/4 lakhs surplus was available for distribution, the percentage of abatement being 2·17 against 2·4 in the previous year; and in the children's branch the net sum of three-quarters' lakh, the percentage of abatement amounting to 1·64 against 2·59 in the preceding year.

RACING AT MADRAS.

THE AMPTHILL CUP.

MADRAS, JANUARY 29.

The chief event of the second day's racing, of the Madras winter meeting held yesterday evening was the race for the Ampthill Cup, valued Rs. 500, presented by H. E. the Governor with Rs. 1,500 from the fund. The event was won by Lieutenant-Colonel Dessraj Ure's Dronidas, who though getting the worst of the start, came with a grand rush at the finish, and won easily.

THE CALCUTTA TRADES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 29.

Mr. Eden Master of the Calcutta Trades Association, delivered an interesting address at the annual meeting of that body here to-night. He described the number of useful matters upon which the energies of the Trades Association have been successfully bestowed during the past year and mentioned proposals for (1) the unification of postage and revenue stamps, (2) for facilitation of execution of decrees, (3) amendment of the Indian Limitation Act to save hardship to creditors of estate in cases in which representation is not obtained until after claims have become barred by the existing statute, (4) scheme for the improvement of Calcutta, and (5) strengthening of the Calcutta High Court which are all matters in connection with which the Trades Association is moving. He went on to discuss the Official Secrets Bill which he described as having provoked dissatisfaction from one end of India to the other, and said that he hoped it would be found practicable to obtain the much-needed and necessary protection for official secrets in some way less open to criticism.

Mr. Larmour, who proposed the adoption of the report also referred to the Official Secrets Bill and said that before any measure of this nature becomes an Act it is essential that the public should be fully informed as to what constitutes an official secret.

Mr. W. Bradshaw also spoke.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Major E. S. Taylor, Indian Army, is promoted Lieutenant-Colonel.

The retirement is gazetted of Colonel J. A. Miley, Indian Army, Major Doyce, I. M. S., resigns the service.

Second-Lieutenant W. P. Sangster, Indian Army, reserve of officers, resigns his commission.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Mr. C. A. G. Rivaz is gazetted Assistant Accountant-General, United Provinces.

Mr. G. R. Irwin resigns the Indian Civil Service.

Rev. W. G. Sharp is posted to the Lucknow Ecclesiastical Establishment, and Rev. K. C. Foster to the Lahore Establishment.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Major Cubitt, of the Political Department, Rajputana, has arrived in Calcutta, and has been placed on special duty in the Foreign Department.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. D. A. Lingard, Government Bacteriologist, has been granted six months' leave.

It is notified that appeals from orders passed by the Chief Inspector of Mines lie to the Provincial Advisory Mining Board where such exists, otherwise to the Chief Controlling Revenue authority.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

It is notified that arms, equipments and tools and appliances for games imported regimentally, also arms and equipment imported by officers when required for performance of their military duty are exempted from customs duty.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. W. F. Handcock, Executive Engineer, has been permitted to retire.

The introduction is notified of more liberal rules in connection with the transportation of sulphuric acid upon Indian railways.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

The Mansion House Masque.

A LADY ASTRONOMER'S WORK.

THE LATEST MODES.

LONDON, JANUARY 8.

Once a year the staid old Mansion House opens its doors to Fairyland—Fairyland being represented by a host of happy juveniles who, just for the nonce, are anything they please, from Cinderella and her fairy godmother down to one's pet robber hero of the Middle Ages. Yet to the onlooker it almost seemed as if the "grown-up" predominated at last Wednesday's gathering. For they lined the rooms and formed plentiful groups which found ample enjoyment in watching the pleasure of the delighted throng in their midst, whilst finding their use in escorting the little ones to supper. Perhaps there was nothing strikingly new about the majority of the costumes, for the toreadors, Court dames, Duchesses of Devonshire, cavaliers, Chinamen, and pierrots, with whom we are all familiar, were present in their dozens. A few, however, of the dresses were remarkable for their originality. Quaintest of all the figures flitting about the long rooms perhaps was a Napoleon of four, correctly attired in the dark blue uniform of the brave little Corporal, with gilt epaulettes and cocked hat complete, and an important looking sword which showed a tendency to entangle itself with a pair of chubby legs, and so was laid aside during the dance. The gauzy wings of the smallest Fairy Queen in the room likewise seemed to be just a little in the way, but unfortunately these emblems of fairyhood were undetachable, so their owner had perforce to exercise the strongest caution whilst mingling with the crowd. Nell Gwynne, in the orange-girl stage of her existence, was most charmingly present wearing a combination of pale green, white, and yellow, and carrying a basket of fruit; whilst a mimic Charles II in cavalier costume was correct even to the minutest detail of a carefully-trimmed moustache.

Of flower girls, Bonlogne fisher lasses, and Italian peasants there was, of course, the usual proportion, one of the most "taking" of the Swiss flower vendors being a happy-looking little maid who wore a tiny zouave of black velvet, large white muslin sleeves, amply starched white cap, and red sash and ribbons. Little red shoes and stockings completed the "get-up" whilst it was amusing to observe how rapidly her basket of natural flowers was exhausted by the distribution of favours among privileged cavaliers. Of Japanese geisha there were quite a number, one of the most attractive of these being in an Oriental robe of green, embroidered with red flowers, a red front, and tiny fans deftly arranged in her coiffure a la Japan. One of the most successful of the purely fancy costumes represented the King of Diamonds. The wearer of this seemed quite at home in white satin studded with red diamond shapes, being also pleasantly oblivious of the fact that he was one of the most charming figures among the host of little guests. Perhaps one of the persons attracting most attention was little Miss Yu Yin Chang (the tiny grand-daughter of the Chinese Ambassador), a little lady who was dressed in the correct present-day mode of her native country, having her hair coiffure loaded with a profusion of ornaments. Then to cap her there was a real Indian little boy, clad in gorgeous Indian robes, with a turban to correspond, and a dignity sufficient to carry both off with superlative excellence. This little guest found himself the centre of awed curiosity on the part of the other juveniles, who evidently wondered if, whilst at home, he was given to the sport of elephant riding. Few, however, ventured to question him on the subject. Among the many other characters making obeisance to the Lord and Lady Mayoress were a mid-Victorian lady with crinoline and the inevitable Paisley shawl of the sixties, her parted hair being worn under the not ill-becoming bonnet of the epoch; and a Mad Hatter who supplied something towards the needful comic element, together with Master Fiscal Policy, which young gentleman saw fit to introduce himself in the guise of a cook bearing the heavy burden of two loaves—this time of equal size—upon his shoulders. But even the small child guests appeared bored at the introduction of fiscalities into their midst, evidently regarding the intrusion in the light of the historical skeleton at the feast.

Few names are better known or more highly respected in the world of science than that of Miss Agnes M. Clerke, whose contributions to astronomical writings have given her a permanent niche in the temple of fame. In her home at Radcliffe-square she still pursues her studies, being at present engaged upon a revised edition of her magnum opus—"The System of the Stars." "This is the second large book I wrote," she told an interviewer recently, "and this revision means practically re-writing the entire volume, as much has to be altered and amended since the days when it first came out 13 years ago. And then too, it is going to have an entirely new system of illustrations, which also will take a considerable time to prepare. Altogether, I do not expect to be through with my task before the finish of the year. Then, too, I am also writing a smaller book, which is now appearing chapter by chapter in "Knowledge," the subject being Modern Cosmogonies." As to what first induced her to turn her attention to astronomy she states that she had a native instinct for the science. "When she grew up she lived for a long time in Italy, and there she used to write a great deal on various subjects for "The Edinburgh Review," and one day I read a paper for them on the chemistry of the stars. "After that," continues Miss Clerke," I became anxious to do something really serious in astronomy and so made up my mind to write its history during the 19th century. This book appeared in 1885, being accepted before it was written, or else, I should never, I am sure, have got through with such a work. It took me two and a half years to do, but I must say when it did appear it was wonderfully well received. I expected quite a good deal of criticism, but instead it met with an immense amount of kindness and cordiality.

"I did not, however, have the opportunity of doing any practical astronomy until I started on my 'System of the Stars,' when in order to gain some experience, I went over to the Cape, as the guest of Sir David Gill, the English Royal Astronomer there. I was able to make some very successful observations at the Cape Observatory, where I had a telescope placed at my disposal, to which I fitted a spectroscope for the purposes of my investigations. The 'System' came out in 1890. My next astronomical work (brought out in 1895) was concerned with the Herschels and Modern Astronomy, my Problems in 'Astrophysics' being published in 1903. But previous to that I had received the Actonian Prize of a hundred guineas for work already accomplished—which money I expended on the piano you see here." Reverting to the year 1904, Miss Clerke expressed her pleasure in being, with Lady Huggins, elected to the honorary membership of the Royal Astronomical Society in that year. One of Miss Clerke's chief ambitions at present is to visit some of the American observatories, where perhaps the most splendid work, astronomically speaking, is now being accomplished. "I think the American people have done wonders," she said; "but then they have such magnificent instruments and climatic conditions, such as we here in Old England can never hope to approach."

Regarding the question of the existence of animal life on other planets, this lady astronomer does not think, that such life is present in the planets of our own solar system, and for this reason—that no form of existence understandable to us would find the conditions suitable. The atmosphere of Mars, for instance, is far too thin, the climatic conditions being also far too cold. It may, however, be taken for granted that the chemical constitution of the stars is fairly uniform. As to the future of astronomy she observed. "It is exceedingly difficult to forecast anything," replied Miss Clerke, "but I should certainly say that the telescope of the future will be larger than the ones now in use, whilst reflecting telescopes for spectroscopic investigation will also be the instruments of to-morrow. Investigation of the binary systems is, I consider, one of the most promising fields of study at present open, whilst undoubtedly one of the new questions of the day concerns the repulsive action of light from the sun, as exerted upon comets. This is a matter yet to be gone into, being at present exceedingly uncertain in its bearings. Then, again, variable stars form a branch of stellar astronomy which is at this juncture needing close observation, and in this direction I think that I may venture to say that brilliant discoveries may be expected."

The latest models in evening coats confirm the vogue of the three-quarter-length style, and are made in practically all the fashionable materials. The velvet wraps are made in the lighter tints, ecru, turquoise, amethyst, maron—a kind of chestnut brown, not our old friend maroon—the new geranium shade in pink, and all the violet the fuchsia and the dahlia shades. To add to the impression of luxury these are embroidered in silk, lace, beads, or spangles, and even the most expensive furs are put up to set off the design. Real laces are used when possible, and the favorite ones are those of rather large mesh and bold, outstanding design. The newest among these is the hand-made macrame. This is fashioned of a round twisted cord, which forms the main part of the pattern, and the detail of the design is worked in with a heavy twisted linen thread. It is a lace which can be easily and rapidly made, and by reason of the large pattern and bold design it is peculiarly well adapted to the long, loose, flowing style of garment now worn.

Silk coats, too, are much worn and when these are not of a stately brocade they are usually of a double-faced peau de soie, or the never peau de cachemire. These are very much trimmed indeed, and laces of varying kinds with fringe or ruching or fur, or perhaps all three, appears in the scheme of trimming. One of the most favoured materials for girls' evening wraps is a cloth woven to imitate the popular white Russian caracul. This gives the rich curly effect of the fur very well, and lends itself beautifully to embroideries. When the coat or wrap is fashioned of this caracul cloth, and it a equally fashionable in both long and the jaunty short garments, then band of various trimmings such as braids, passementeries, cordelieres, embroideries, etc., are used, and also quilled silk ruchings to outline these bands as well.

The use of the ruched and plaited chiffon in almost any width is one of the leading notes in the harmony of this season's most approved style. The ruched chiffon is used in flounce fashion, to make ruffles for sleeves and collar, to edge the fronts, and is often applied in conventional patterns. Zibelines and other hairy fabrics are also seen among the smartest effects. In white they are becoming to both blonde and brunette. The military idea is introduced into some of the most modish garments of this kind in the form of epaulets and cuffs of gold or silver braid. The various coloured braids are also used, but always sparingly. It may take the form of a collar band, or a strip may be tucked away in the fur trimming which trims the front of the gown; the cuffs, too, may be ornamented prettily with it. Several varieties of fur, especially ermine, with its imitations, and moleskin are applied as trimming to cloth of silk wraps.

A coat recently seen owned all the magnificence to the harmonious combinations of materials and cut. It was made in a sombre shade of white cloth the wool of which was soft and supple as silk. This was elaborately decorated with marabaune, which had been made to fit the design. A deep shaded flounce of the lace went all round the end of the garment which reached to the knee, and passed up both sides of the front narrowing as is neared the neck. The design was repeated for the shallow shoulder cape and showed to exquisite advantage on the long loose sleeve, the flounce which decorated the coat being reproduced here. All of the lace work was backed with double chiffon in geranium pink, which gleamed through the twinelike meshes, and harmonised beautifully the colouring of the lace with the cloth. Evening coats and wraps of Renaissance [illegible] still fashionable. Made over chiffon in any pretty tint, and decorate with a pleatlade of chiffon ruffles and ruchings, a most effective garment can be constructed at a comparatively little cost. And the best of it is that every girl—tall, short, dark, or fair looks well in these lace coats, and the Chiffon and lining can be selected from the gamut of colours which suits her best.

The new tea gowns are wonderful combinations of lace, chiffon, and silk. The trimmings are of a much more original and marked design than have been seen for some time. Medallions of velvet, cloth, [illegible] covered or painted, are so skilfully arranged that they look almost as though worked in by hand. Panels of black satin showing [illegible] fine gold thread, quaintly embroidered with pink roses or green leaves are also seen. Some of the loveliest silk of the kimono kind have gowns [illegible] made up over gold and silver cloth and floral chiffon. Through the delicate mesh of the lace over the filmy folds of the chiffon the design shows out, while the spangles brighten up all in a most attractive fashion. This style of gown is by no means economical, but then economy and modern dress are not synonymous terms. Ganging and plaiting are both fashionable in thin materials, and the flounced skirts, having the flounces plaited or gathered are very graceful. The flounces should be of lace or have a dainty finish of narrow lace or ruching.

CYCLING AND MOTORING AT HOME.

LONDON, JANUARY 8.

In connection with the new Motor Act, the question has arisen as to whether the Local Government Board are exceeding their powers by insisting that cars should carry two licence plates, one in front and one in the rear. In section 2 of the Act it is clearly stated that motor cars must be registered and a separate number assigned to each, and a mark in fixing the number of the car must be affixed in accordance with the Local Government Board's regulations. If it were intended by the Act for cars to carry two plates then they would be referred to as marks not a mark. Shortly, we understand, a test case will be tried with the view of testing this regulation of the Local Government Board. In all conscience, one plate in the rear is hideous enough, without adding to the deformity by insisting upon a second plate appearing in front.

A cycling feat of exceptional interest and savouring more of gymnastics than the majority of sensational performances generally do is now being performed at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, by Mr. Leonhardt, D.Sc. The general Flying the Flamingo ride after figure three of space for the display, which is performed by running down on his bicycle a long inclined path at an angle of 45 degrees, she gains sufficient impetus to run up a short incline of about five yards, and then to fly through space landing on the continuation of the track the other side of the chasm, a distance of 45 feet. This has caused a deal of interest in the metropolis. Although undoubtedly daring the turn does not appear so foolhardy as others we have seen.

A very unusual running down case was heard at a London police-court recently, wherein an owner of a dog sued the driver of a motor car for damages through the antics of the quadruped. The cyclist while riding along the Bockton Road, East Hum observed the pig in the road and consequently slowed up; but as he was proceeding to pass Mr. Porkey Pinkett at his front wheel bore down the rider and cycle over with a crash. The defendant put in a counter claim of 7s., pleading that the blame rested with the cyclist who had rushed into the pig before the animal had time to clear out of the way. Witness having given evidence as to the damage done to the pig possessed and the oars the wheelman exercised when proceeding to pass, the judge found for the plaintiff and awarded £25 damages.

The Leicestershire centre of the National Cyclists Union have a proposal which they intend passing before the next council meeting of the Union, and which will have a considerable effect upon a certain class of racing men who, while indulging a spurt in hand-caps of some 150 yards, fancy themselves sufficiently to enter in scratch races. The proposal runs as follows. That no event be received for any scratch race from any rider who is in receipt of more than 125 yards from the mark by the champion of the year. Should such a rule come into force it will have the effect of considerably thinning out the fields in scratch events, in a way a desirable feature, since it will give only first-class men as competitors, and from these the public can only expect good racing. Long mark men who enter in scratch races do so in most cases in the hope that through some smash up or other they may win.

The Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland having been informed by one of its members that whilst his car was in the keeping of a London garage company it was let out on hire, have decided to prosecute the case in order to put a check on the practice, which in some quarters is said to be too general. Of course, all garages are not tarred with the same brush; we know of some where the most zealous care is bestowed upon the cars committed to their charge.

A conference has been held between the County Councils Association and the Municipal Corporations Association with the view of adopting some uniformity in the signs and notice boards to be erected throughout the country under the new MotorCar Act. The following signs were adopted: (1) For ten mile or lower limit of speed, a round white ring 18 inches in diameter, with plate below giving limits in figures. (2) For prohibition: Red solid disc 18 inches diameter. (3) For caution against dangerous corners or crossings or precipitous places: Hollow green equilateral triangle. (4) All other notices under the Act to be diamond shape boards. All notice boards are to be placed on the near side of the road, fifty yards from the spot to which they apply. The Local Government Board will have to consider these proposals.

Not many cyclists can look upon a side-slip with feelings of thankfulness, but it was one of these mishaps so dreaded by wheelmen that restored to a Bristol cyclist his machine. He was just leaving an inn where he had looked in to ask for a drink of water, when he observed a man riding away on his machine. No machine being handy to expedite the chase he started in pursuit on foot, but naturally was quickly left. He had relinquished hope and was debating what make of machine he should have next, and whether he should have a seventeen change speed gear fitted, when he espied his lost machine and the thief sprawling in the roadway. The machine had a side-slipped! Placed on more equal footing, the cyclist hastened his pace and finally caught the thief, although he had discarded the machine and taken to his heels. A sentence of 14 days' imprisonment was subsequently imposed.

Steering locks are accessories sometimes fraught with danger, unless they are of a pattern that cannot possibly "go on" when not wanted. Anyone who has a steering lock can easily see what a terrible cropper would result from it unexpectedly coming into action by overturning in a small way in addition to start with the steering wheel locked. The rider is absolutely helpless to deviate from a bee-line, or maintain his balance. If this state of thing happens en route the consequences are bound to be disastrous. Hence it is wise not to fit locks on machines. Jogs springs and catches, for a parcel swinging on the handle bars may knock them on. Perhaps the safest form is that which consists of a detachable peg carried in the pocket when not in use, or a form of miniature hand brake on the steering post, which requires a few turns of a screw to put in action. This type has the further advantage that it enables the steering to be locked whether the front wheel is straight or turned side, and so is convenient for propping the machine immovably against the wall.

A loud report soon causes the driver of a car to pull up unless he cares to run the risk of entirely destroying the tyre. An inspection of the tyre will probably reveal a large gash through which the tube bursts. What is to be done, in case of such an accident? Repair the air tube, and then put the tyre on the rim again. A Dunlop motor tyre gaiter should then be securely laced round the damaged part. On arrival home, the tyre should be at once detached, and sent to the Dunlop Co. for repairs.

THE JAPANESE CRUISERS AT COLOMBO.

ACCIDENT ON THE KASSUGA.

N. Y. K. STEAMER'S RUSE.

COLOMBO, JANUARY 28.

A fatal accident has happened on board the Japanese cruiser Kassuga. An Irishman, named O'Connor, was killed by a leading block parting during mooring operations. A rung of chain was carried away and the sudden strain on the rope caused the block to fly upwards. It caught O'Connor at full force, broke his legs and one arm, smashed his breast and crushed out his brains. Death was instantaneous. He was a popular seaman and one of the smartest. Had the bolt been of good iron and not shoddy there would have been no accident. The body was taken ashore and buried. All flags on the ships in the harbour were half masted during the day.

The Inabu Maru arrived to-day disguised as a Glen liner, her funnels being painted red, the name painted out, and she flew any flag found most suitable at sea. At Port Said the Russian Admiral pulled round the vessel, and had a good look at her. Captain Bainbridge said the journey was full of excitement and they left the Russian squadron behind waiting for a steam collier with 4,00 tons of coal and they will not arrive at Colombo for two or three days.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The appointment is sanctioned of a native adjutant to each of the twelve mule transport corps. These officers will be drawn from the quarter-master, duffadars and kotduffadars of the mule and pony transport. Six will rank as ressaidars and will receive Rs. 60 monthly and six as jemadars with a pay of Rs. 40 per month.

Captain Elgee, Middlesex Regiment, officiates as Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Bangalore, vice Captain Marden, on leave.

Lieutenant Wylly, 46th Punjabis and Lieutenant Hensley, 56th Infantry are posted to the Corps of Guides.

Captain Fox, 1st Royal Irish Rifles, reverts to India next month.

ARRIVALS, JANUARY 29.—Carthwright, Major, Bombay, Jacob's Horse, on duty from Poona.

Thorne, Lieutenant, Bombay, 103rd Mahratta L.I., on leave from Satara.

Browning, Captain, Madras, A. I. Signalling, on duty from Poona.

DEPARTURES, JANUARY 29.—Williams, Captain, on duty Bombay, A.V.D. off leave to Neemuch.

Henderson, Captain, Bombay, R. A. M. C., to join to Nagar.

Godwyn, Major, Bombay, Melvelch Regiment, to join to Quetta.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

The change of programme at Harmston's Circus is proving very acceptable and last night there was another good attendance. To-night in addition to the turns already announced Dick Turpin's Ride to York will be put on. It will be represented on an elaborate scale and is sure to prove a powerful attraction.

THE HEDJAZ PILGRIMAGE.

CHOLERA AT KARBALA.

The following telegram, dated the 26th December, has been received from the Political Resident in Turkish Arabia, at Baghdad:—In view of cholera epidemic the Porte asks that Indian pilgrims be dissuaded from going to Karbala.

An epoch-making "measure" has just been taken by the tailors of Chicago. In future, they have decided, the price of clothes shall be proportionate to the size of the purchaser. For a suit of the same description and the same material a giant will have to pay considerably more than a dwarf. To those of us who happen to be of small stature nothing could seem fairer, but, as is always the case with great reforms, there are those who endeavour to stand in the way of progress. While the small man rejoices he of larger mould protests. He protests, too, in the most forcible way open to an American. It has become a political question, and every candidate in the approaching Presidential campaign will have to grapple with it. If that fails, the tall men propose to do without tailors altogether. So at least, they say in Chicago.

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THE TIBET MISSION.

PROSPECTS OF SERIOUS TROUBLE.

A TELEGRAM from Chumbi, dated January 27, states:—A Lhasa Depon in an interview with Colonel Younghusband, after asking him again to return to Yatung, said there would be serious trouble if he did not, or if there was an attempted advance. Reinforcements, he said, of infantry and cavalry had arrived at Gura and more were marching from Lhasa and Shigatse.

The attitude of the Tibetans is more threatening and it is not unlikely that the Tuna Camp may be attacked when sufficient reinforcements are collected at Guru.

Colonel Hogge, commanding the escort, is strongly entrenched, and General Macdonald is ready to move a flying column at a moment's notice. The mission with Colon l Hogge is calmly awaiting the proper representatives from Lhasa.

Snow fell yesterday at nearly all stations above Gnatong. The weather is still threatening.

The field telegraph has now been extended to Phari. In spite of enormous difficulties of transport, the line has been carried over precipices worse than those encountered in Tirah or Chitral. The laying and working of the line in Arctic cold reflects the highest credit on the officers and signalling staff.

The Depon who interviewed Colonel Younghusband is the senior of the five Tibetan Generals. The Lamas' attitude is said to have been most insolent and provocative. They are apparently confident in their superior numbers. At Phari the rumour is that reinforcements are reaching Guru from all quarters. The Tibetans' camp is eight miles north of Tuna on the direct road to Gyantse.

The belief is general that the Mission will be attacked when it leaves Tuna. The Tibetans are said to be short of supplies, and cannot remain camped indefinitely. Meanwhile, General Macdonald is hurrying up supplies to Phari. The Pioneers are working strenuously on the road up the rocky gorge north of the Lingmathang plain, which is the worst bit yet encountered. The gorge resembles the Khyber, but is much narrower. The rocks are so hard that instruments are blunted. They are even difficult to blast, but the road has been so much improved that ekkas have been pushed up by hand for use on the plateau above. It is extraordinary that the Tibetans did not make their stand here as a few hundred could hold the gorge against an army.

SUIT AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

HIGH COURT DECISION.

SIR LAWRENCE JENKINS, Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, sitting in the Appeal Court yesterday, delivered judgement in the matter of the application made last week by Mr. J. M. Cursetjee, in the suit in which he claimed Rs. 150,000 as damages for libel against the Secretary of State for India for the acceptance of an appeal under clause 39 of the Letters Patent, which had been rejected by the Prothonotary. The Hon. Mr. Scott, Advocate-General instructed by Mr. Bowen Government Solicitor, represented the Secretary of State for India. Mr. Jehangir appeared in person.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins in delivering judgment said:—The only question that arises on this application is, whether an appeal lies to the High Court under section 15 of the Letters Patent in the following circumstances. The applicant, Mr. J. M. Cursetjee, had brought this suit against the Secretary of State for India in Council for defamation. It was heard in the first instance by Mr. Justice Tyebji, who dismissed it. On the plaintiff's appeal, the case was heard by a Bench of two Judges. They differed in opinion; for while Mr. Justice Batty was for confirming the decree under appeal, Mr. Justice Jacob considered that there ought to be a remand. As the difference of opinion was on a point of law the appeal was, under section 575 of the Civil Procedure Code, referred to Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, who was of opinion that the suit should be dismissed. The plaintiff contends that he now has a further right to appeal to the High Court on the ground that though Mr. Justice Batty and Mr. Justice Chandavarkar agree in holding that the suit should be dismissed, they based this conclusion on different reasons. But in my opinion this contention cannot prevail. Though the learned Judges may have been influenced by different considerations, they both agreed in opinion that the suit should be dismissed, and the question whether the suit should be dismissed or not was in the circumstances of the case, purely a question of law. That was not necessary for the learned Judges to come to their respective opinions on identical lines is, I think apparent from the rest of section 575. Thus the first paragraph of the section provides that when the appeal is heard by a Bench of two or more Judges, the appeal shall be decided in accordance with the opinion of such Judges or of the majority (if any) of such Judges. Now the Appeal Benches in India are ordinarily composed of two Judges, and it is not an unknown event that the two Judges of a Bench should agree in their opinion as to the fate of a suit, though they may differ in their reasons for that opinion. Yet I have never heard it suggested that when this happens, a further appeal lies to the High Court, nor do I think that the words of the Letters Patent and the Code furnish any warrant for holding that there is such an appeal. When the procedure under the proviso in section 575 is pursued, although in the concurrent opinion of the two Judges that a suit should be dismissed, two Judges of a Bench of two Judges of the High Court. If the three Judges had sat together, there could have been no question as to this, and where as is the usual practice in this court, and also I believe in the High Court of Calcutta, the third Judge sits alone, the matter is equally clear. It is unnecessary to discuss the propriety under which the third Judge sits alone, but I may say that any other view would occasion serious practical difficulty in the working of this Court.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, in delivering judgment, said:—I am of the same opinion, and I had it not been for the importance of the question to the appellant might have concurred merely without writing a separate judgment. Mr. Justice Jacob having differed, they referred the case to the Chief Justice according to the practice in Bombay, for him to appoint a Bench to hear the appeal and he appointed Mr. Justice Chandavarkar who heard the case, sitting alone, and two and a half years broad. It contains the Company's Arms, namely Sir Lawrence on the Grifiron, holding a book of the Gospels in his right hand and a gauntlet on which is of his martyrdom in his left; an ironwork is a scroll with the Girdlers motto "Give thanks to God" while flanking right and left Mr. Bell's Arms are wrought, namely: Azure an eagle displayed between three crosses-crosslets or and in the quarters in between these and the company's arms, are two bales of merchandise, stamped with Mr. Bell's initials and trade marks. The carpet briefly exempt the great firs when the hall was burnt down from which it also appears that the person in charge of the hall unfortunately was for but for many years past to lay on one of the Company's tables where no one suspected his worth until it occurred to the members of the court prominent among whom were the then Lord Mayor Sir Alfred J. Newton Bart, Mr. Rich, the Father of the Company, and the Upper Warden, Mr. Stratton Bonnols, that its history should be inquired into. This was warmly supported by the Court, and the matter was referred to a committee for inquiry and research, and they, fortunately, received great assistance from Lady Bateman, the wife of Sir A. E. Bateman, K.C.M.G., a Past Master, who recognised the Arms on the Carpet as identical with those displayed at Eagle House, Wimbledon Robert Bell's old house, and the present residence of Mr. Graham R. Jackson, R. A. F. S. A. The Court then on the recommendation of Mr. Ernest Normand and the advice of Mr. H. John Hope, M.A. of the Royal Society of Antiquarians and Sir C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., of the South Kensington Museum. The gentleman kindly placed their services at the disposal of the company, and advised that the carpet should be cleaned, repaired and framed. The ink spots were removed and the rents repaired by the Decorative Needlework Society of 17, Sloane Street, and the carpet returned to the Hall and subsequently framed in a large oak frame, appropriately carved by Miss B. Crampton a former pupil at the South Kensington Museum, in a style to correspond with the present furnishing in the Hall and also with this inscription. The Gift of Robert Bell Master, A.D., 1834 in remembrance of his love."

Visitors to London are informed that upon application to the Clerk of the Girdlers' Company, at the Hall, No. 39 Basinghall Street, the carpet can be seen on week days.—Englishman."

AN HISTORIC INDIAN CARPET.

There has lately been placed in the Arbuthnot Court of the Indian Museum a coloured representation of a carpet made in Lahore in the beginning of the seventeenth century. This illustration of this hand some piece of work is a gift of His Excellency Lord Curzon, to whom the Trustees of the Museum are under an obligation for the presentation of many valuable articles of artistic and ethnological interest to the Industrial section in Sidder Street.

The following description drawn up at South Kensington gives a complete history of the presentation and restoration of the carpet to the London Company of Girdlers:—

An account of the unique North Indian Carpet presented in 1834 to the Worshipful Company of Girdlers by the Master, Mr. Robert Bell one of the first Directors of the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies, commonly called the East India Company.

Robert Bell the donor of the carpet, was born at Calcutta in the year 1804, and was the son of gentleman of good family and one who took a leading position in the commercial life of the time. In addition to his membership of the Girdlers Company, he was also Deputy-Alderman of Lyme Regis and a prominent Director of the East India Company from its establishment in 1600 and is named in the Charter as one of the first Committees.

In April, 1834, the then master of the Girdlers Company dying in office, Mr Robert Bell was elected master for the residue of the year, and at the expiry of his term of office appears the following minute, 12th August, 1834.

Also, at this court, Mr. Robert Bell did present a very fair Persian Carpet, with the Company's arms thereon, which he freely gave to the use of this Company as a remembrance of his love.

The carpet, which appears from the minute books of the East India Company to have been made at the celebrated Royal Factory at Lahore established by Akbar the Great is of Persian design being about 8 yards long and two and a half yards broad. It contains the Company's Arms, namely Sir Lawrence on the Grifiron, holding a book of the Gospels in his right hand and a gauntlet on which is of his martyrdom in his left; an ironwork is a scroll with the Girdlers motto "Give thanks to God" while flanking right and left Mr. Bell's Arms are wrought, namely: Azure an eagle displayed between three crosses-crosslets or and in the quarters in between these and the company's arms, are two bales of merchandise, stamped with Mr. Bell's initials and trade marks. The carpet briefly exempt the great fire when the hall was burnt down from which it also appears that the person in charge of the hall unfortunately was for but for many years past to lay on one of the Company's tables where no one suspected his worth until it occurred to the members of the court prominent among whom were the then Lord Mayor Sir Alfred J. Newton Bart, Mr. Rich, the Father of the Company, and the Upper Warden, Mr. Stratton Bonnols, that its history should be inquired into. This was warmly supported by the Court, and the matter was referred to a committee for inquiry and research, and they, fortunately, received great assistance from Lady Bateman, the wife of Sir A. E. Bateman, K.C.M.G., a Past Master, who recognised the Arms on the Carpet as identical with those displayed at Eagle House, Wimbledon Robert Bell's old house, and the present residence of Mr. Graham R. Jackson, R. A. F. S. A. The Court then on the recommendation of Mr. Ernest Normand and the advice of Mr. H. John Hope, M.A. of the Royal Society of Antiquarians and Sir C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., of the South Kensington Museum. The gentleman kindly placed their services at the disposal of the company, and advised that the carpet should be cleaned, repaired and framed. The ink spots were removed and the rents repaired by the Decorative Needlework Society of 17, Sloane Street, and the carpet returned to the Hall and subsequently framed in a large oak frame, appropriately carved by Miss B. Crampton a former pupil at the South Kensington Museum, in a style to correspond with the present furnishing in the Hall and also with this inscription. The Gift of Robert Bell Master, A.D., 1834 in remembrance of his love."

Visitors to London are inform

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

CENTRAL PROVINCES COTTON.

The final report on the cotton crop of the Central Provinces (including Berar), for the season 1903, states.

Character of the season.—The second forecast, which issued early in October 1903, related to the condition of the crop up to the close of September. Sowings, though retarded by the lateness of the monsoon, were on the whole successfully carried out. Germination was generally good, very little re-sowing being necessary. The rainfall during August and September was exceptionally heavy and continuous. Weeding operations were in consequence interfered with and the growth of the early sown crop was checked. The late monsoon rainfall, which was considerably above the average, impeded the sowings of the late variety, and germination was not good. Heavy showers in October considerably damaged the young plants, some fields being ploughed up.

Area.—In my second report the area under til in the Central Provinces was estimated at 1,214,134 acres. The present estimates given an area of 1,347,405 acres, the small decrease being partly due to the fact that low-lying fields where the cotton, was much damaged by water-logging, have been ploughed up and put down to other crops. The estimate still points to the area being the largest on record. It is 10 per cent. in excess of last year's area and 80 per cent. in advance of the decennial average. The estimated for Berar is 1,845,908 acres which is somewhat smaller than the area of 2,852,043 acres given in the second forecast. This is still a record area for cotton, being 3 per cent. large than last year and 26 per cent. in excess of the decennial average. Favourable seasons and good prices have greatly encouraged the growth of cotton.

Outturn.—In the second report for the Central Provinces a normal outturn was anticipated, but this was contingent upon an early spell of fine weather. This anticipation was not realized owing to the heavy rainfall of October. In most districts where this oilseed is extensively sown, the rains did not cease till the second week in October, with the result that damage was caused. The prospects of the crop have, therefore, materially deteriorated. Only one district, Chhindwara, returns a full crop, Mandla and the Chhattisgarh districts forecast a normal outturn. In the remaining districts the outturn ranges between 60 and 90. The estimated outturn for the whole of the Central Provinces is 87 per cent of a normal crop. The total yield is estimated to amount to 72,612 tons which is 25 per cent short of last years yield and 71 per cent above the decennial average. The damage caused by heavy rain in Berar is reported to be greater than in the Central Provinces. The district estimates give 54 per cent. of a normal crop, the total estimated yield being 4,213 tons, which is 22 per cent. smaller than last year.

Exports.—During the period from the 1st October to the middle of December in the present year the total exports amount to 7,213 tons as against 12,727, 5,034 and 12,535 tons respectively in the corresponding periods of the preceding three years. The total exports last year amounted to 53,993 tons. It may be anticipated that the amount available for export this year will be not more than three fourths of this amount. The exports last year from Berar amounted to 805 tons only.

Prices.—The wholesale price ranges between Rs. 2-8-0 and Rs. 4 per maund, and averages about Rs. 3.11 0 as against Rs. 4-8-0 last year.

CENTRAL PROVINCES WHEAT.

The first forecast of the wheat crop of the Central Provinces (including Berar)—Season 1903-04 is as follows:—The preparation of land for wheat was somewhat interfered with owing to the heavy continuous monsoon rainfall. Sowings were consequently delayed particularly in the Northern districts. In the Berar districts conditions were more favourable. Although sowings were late, they were successfully carried out, and germination has been good. The area devoted to wheat is estimated to be 10 per cent. larger than last year's area of 2,272,482 acres in the Central Provinces, and no less than 80 per cent. larger than last year's area of 102,282 acres in the Berar districts. The increase is attributed to the success of last years crop, to favourable conditions at sowing time, and also to the fact that wheat was substituted for monsoon crops, which were ploughed up owing to damage by excessive rain. The crop is generally at present in excellent condition, and if a few showers are received shortly, a bumper wheat harvest will be ensured.

CENTRAL PROVINCES LINSEED.

The first forecast of the linseed crop of the Central Provinces (including Berar) for the season 1903-04, states:—Linseed was sown under much the same conditions as wheat. The sowings, though somewhat late, were successfully made over a large area in the important linseed growing districts of the Central Provinces and Berar. The area sown is estimated to be larger than last year by 12 per cent. In the districts of the Central Provinces, and by 33 per cent. in the districts of Berar. Germination has been successful, and very little re-sowing was necessary. The present condition of the crop is quite good. A few showers of rain would still more improve the prospects.

N. W. F. PROVINCE WHEAT.

The first forecast of the wheat crop of the N. W. F. Frontier Province for the year 1903-04, states:— The total area sown with wheat in the province up to the end of November, is estimated at 702,000 acres as against 293,508 acres finally returned for the year 1902-03. There is a decrease of about 10,000 acres in both Hazara and Peshawar and of about 19,000 acres in Kohat. This is mainly due to want of rain at sowing time in those districts, but if rain falls by the end of December, a considerable area can still be sown. Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan shows increase of 8,000 and 23,000 acres respectively due to timely rains and good flood irrigation. Prospects of the crop are average so far on dry and good on irrigated lands, but its success will depend on the winter rains.

PHILATELISTS will be glad to learn that the Italian Government will shortly issue a new series of postage stamps, which have been designed by the celebrated artist Francesco Paolo Michetti. The designs have been submitted to King Victor Emmanuel, who is himself an enthusiastic stamp collector, and they have met with his warm approval. The first of the series is the one-cent stamp, on which is represented a water-wheel, symbolical of the first mechanical efforts of the human race. This design is surmounted by a crown with luminous points, suggesting all that electricity has done and will do towards the development of human industry. The two-centime stamp shows the realisation of the hopes of the electricians, and the design represents the earth in communication with distant planets by means of a perfect system of wireless telegraphy. The third of the series shows a swallow with outspread wings, symbolical of springtime and hope. The fourth stamp, which will be sold at 10 centimes, shows Victor Emmanuel in about three-quarter profile. The next stamp, that of 20 centimes also bears the head of the King. The 25 centimes stamp has the head of the King upon a map of Italy. The one-frame stamp is probably the handsomest of them all. It also has the King's head, surmounted by the Eagle of Savoy, with outstretched wings.

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KING AND DUKE.

BRILLIANT SCENES AT CHATSWORTH.

Amid picturesque scenes the King and Queen, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Victoria reached Chatsworth at five o'clock on the evening of January 4, as the guests of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. For days the inhabitants of the Peak district had been distressed about a mist that hung sullenly over the Derwent valley. So much was staked upon the weather that young and old invoked the clemency of the skies for the glorious event of their lifetime.

By an act of splendid chivalry the grey curtain of fog rolled up a little before the royal train steamed into Rowsley's gay little station, disclosing to the view a picture of loveliness that must long remain a joyous memory to the rural spectators and townfellers who came from distances to behold it.

Hundreds who had trudged through muddy paths, over hill and dale, in the depressing mists of the earlier part of the day, congratulated themselves that they had not turned back. They were more than compensated by the brilliant spectacle of 25,000 points of light that scintillated afar over the moorlands and woods, making distant objects visible.

TRIUMPH OF FIREWORKS.

Stretching from the northern to the southern extremity of the classical pile—the great rectangular mansion, with its lofty gates, and its many statues—the scheme of decoration was a scenic triumph. On the western front was outlined in light an Imperial crown with the royal monogram of their Majesties.

In bold relief the simple word "Welcome" formed a fitting centre for the illuminations, above, around and beyond.

Their Majesties, accompanied by their host, drove from the station in a four-horsed Devonshire chariot while the Derbyshire Volunteer band struck up the National Anthem and the Derbyshire crowds cheered.

It was a wonderful ovation, but a still greater reception awaited their Majesties as they approached the gates of Chatsworth, where for two hours a long straggling crowd had waited patiently in Chatsworth Park for the coming of the King and Queen.

Immediately in front of Chatsworth classic facade, a huge fountain known as "The Emperor" spurted high into the air with a crimson flood of light upon it, and at a given signal a mass of rockets and candles shot into the darkness.

The popular feature of the illuminations was the double line of torchbearers, extending for some distance below the Derwent Bridge to the grand entrance of the ducal residence. For this task men were drawn from Baslow, Bakewell, and Edensor. They formed a fiery avenue of a mile in length. Over all the variegated glare the church bells clanged their most cheerful chimes.

FOUR MILES DRIVE.

From Rowsley to Chatsworth is a four miles' drive, and the distance was covered at a brisk pace.

The Church Lads' Brigade, six abreast, with flaring torches, led the way; firemen four abreast, their helmets gleaming in the light, followed them.

Then came the four-horsed Devonshire coach, with its outriders in liveries of blue and silver and big badges on their arms. The Queen leant out of the window, smiling with pleasure at the fairy-like scene. The King repeatedly touched his hat, while Princess Victoria and the Duke sat back in the shadow of the front seat.

The crowds swarmed into the grounds over the pretty stone bridge spanning the Derwent. A huge searchlight swept the dark facade of the house, making the windows sparkle like diamonds, and a cascade of molten gold fell from the misty heights.

In the hall, with its giant palms and pillars of Carrara marble, the Duchess received her royal guests at the foot of the marble staircase. Mr. Alfred Rothschild's private Viennese band struck up the National Anthem, which marked the end of all formality, and their Majesties were soon chatting with their friends.

BEAUTIFUL WOMEN.

The party invited to meet their Majesties include some of the most beautiful women in society.

Among the guests were Mr. Balfour, Earl and Countess Howe, Lord Herbert Vane-Tempest, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Earl Percy, Mr. Leo Trevor, Mr. Frank Muldinay, Comesio Duchess of Manchester, Prince and Princess Henry of Ploss, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sassoon, Miss Muriel Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Grenfell, the Earl and Countess of Gosford, Miss Knollys, Mr. J. Ward, Mr. Sidney Greville, Lord Stanley, Lady Alice Stanley, Mrs. George Keppel, the Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie, Lady Maud Warrender, Mr. and Mrs. Willis James, Lord and Lady Echo, the Marquis de Soveral, Count Albert Mensdorff, Mr. Evan Charteris, and Lord Charles Montagu.

The sitting-rooms occupied by their Majesties are those known as the red velvet rooms. All the fittings of the beautiful mirrors are of pure gold, and in these apartments hang the famous Landseer "Laying down the Law," and the unfinished portrait of the celebrated and beautiful Duchess of Devonshire.

Dinner was served at 8.30, and the table which was laid for forty-four, was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums. The wonderful gold plate for which Chatsworth is famed adorned the side board, and a magnificent centrepiece of gold stood in the middle of the table.

After dinner the whole house party adjourned to the library, where an impromptu concert was given. Carl Hasbers led the orchestra, and Lady Maud Warrender and Princess Henry of Ploss sang several times to its accompaniment. It was a delightfully informal evening, and after the Queen had retired to her apartments bridge was played.

Great excitement prevailed in the neighbourhood over the theatricals arranged for the week.

NUN OR NOVICE?

STRANGE MYSTERY OF A WILL.

The Chilian Consul-General in Paris is investigating an extraordinary and mysterious will case, in which the Convent of the Assumption at Passy and a well-known and wealthy stockbroker are concerned.

Three months ago a young Chilian lady named Mlle. Maria de la Luz Consino, who was a member of the well-known Consino family and extremely wealthy, died in the convent in question.

On October 17 the Chilian Consul-General received a cablegram from her relatives in Chili, stating that they had received intelligence of her death, and asking that he would make the necessary inquiries and attend to the funeral arrangements.

He at once visited the convent, and found that the funeral had already taken place. He asked the Lady Superior of the convent if Mlle. Consino had left any papers, and was informed that she had destroyed them all before her death.

Further inquiries revealed the extraordinary fact that she had left her whole fortune to an utter stranger, M. Eugene Roland Gosselin, an official stockbroker on the Paris Bourse. The will had been drawn up by M. Megret a Paris notary, and in it Mlle. Consino describes herself as a lady of independent means, residing at the Villa Poiolo, Nice.

In the certificate of death, however, the Consul-General found that the deceased had been described as a nun, who had died at her domicile, 25, Rue de l'Assomption, the address of the convent.

It is this point which has to be cleared up, for the Chilian law provides that upon any person taking religious vows her, or his property is to be divided among the next of kin.

The Lady Superior of the convent states that the young lady had come to live with them for the sake of solitude and quietness, but she had never taken religious vows, nor was it ever contemplated that she should do so.

The whole of the property in question is invested in the great Lota mines in Chili. Mlle. de la Luz Consino was a daughter of Mme. Isadora Consino, who died in Paris a few years ago, leaving her immense fortune to be divided among her six children the amount left to each being £2,407,000.

"THE DAILY PAPER."

"The Daily Paper," Mr. Stead's new venture in journalism, was published for the first time on the 4th of January.

A visit to one of the distributing depots early in the morning gave an excellent idea of how the scheme for employing girl distributors is likely to work. As I opened the door by the side of the poster-covered window (writes a "Westminster" representative) a party of sprightly, neatly dressed girls, between the ages of fifteen and nineteen, swept me with their glances. On the head of each setting off in many cases a pretty face, was a black straw hat tastefully trimmed with a red band, and in one corner of the room there lay ready in case of wet weather—happily the sun shone brightly this morning—a heap of rain-proof capes. Such constitutes the uniform of Mr. Stead's girls brigade—and a very effective uniform it is.

The budget of papers for the Clapham Depot had not come from headquarters when I arrived, and the time of waiting was utilised in checking off the routes of each girl. The brigade had already had a rehearsal of its duties (which last, by the way from nine o'clock to one), and each girl had paid a visit beforehand to the subscribers down on her books. So that when the papers did arrive and a pardonable scene of hustle ensued, it did not take many minutes for each fair messenger to receive her quota and to set off with smiling face to the houses on her list. In addition to her papers, the girl carried a packet of red envelopes intended for tradesmen's orders or other written instructions for the attention of the depot.

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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

Under the will of the late Baron Arthur de Rothschild the Louvre Picture Gallery receives a noble addition to its contents in the shape of a legacy of his collection of pictures. It includes four works by Greuze which are considered among his best and many examples of Robbema, Ruysdael, Backhuyzen, Wouvermans, and other Flemish masters, including two fine pieces by Teniers, which are said to equal any in the national collection. To the Musee de Cluny, perhaps the most fascinating of French museums, is left Baron de Rothschild's famous collection of ancient rings.

The little community of Moskau, near Leipsic recently granted a lease of the cellars belonging to their Council Chamber to a purveyor of strong drink, receiving a certain sum down over and above the rent and at the same time guaranteeing to him a certain turnover. Unfortunately, the inhabitants, whether perverted to temperance doctrines or for some other reason showed little sign of patronising the new beer cellar to any considerable extent. The lessee, finding that his turnover was nothing like what had been expected, gave notice to the Town Council of his intention to sue them for the return of the premium, which, he maintained, had been obtained by misrepresentation. After consultation the councillors obtained his consent to a month's delay, and proceeded to issue a proclamation to all good Moskauers calling upon them by the duty they owed to their mother city and their own interests in preventing expansive litigation and consequent increase in the rates to in future do their best to prove to the lessee of the "rathskeller" that his business was as profitable as he had been originally given to understand.

What we may look forward to in those happy days when—but that is another story! A certain Paris tradesman has for some time past escape payment of the "octroi" at the gates of Paris by the following ingenious scheme. For some considerable time past the collectors of the tax stationed at one of the gates have noticed an upholsterer's van which made daily trips into the city and out of it again. The fact that the van, which was in charge of two men, was always empty—paying, of course, no toll—struck the Customs officials as peculiar. One day it was followed, and proved to belong not to a furniture remover but to an oil merchant, who by its help had been daily bringing large quantities of taxable oil into the city without paying a penny of duty. The van contained a false bottom, under which was concealed a zinc tank of satisfactory capacity. Let us hope that no Englishman would ever lend himself to such a nefarious scheme. Or at least that he may never be subjected to the like temptation.

The inhabitants of Alaska are men of resource. The authorities having unkindly forbidden gambling clubs, the would-be gamblers have bethought themselves of an element over which the proudest of earthly Governments holds little but poetic sway. Just outside the three-mile limit from the shore, over which the United States Government jurisdiction extends, they are about to erect a casino, which will thus be free from the rude interference of the police. Its stability is ensured, and gamblers protected against any chance of sea-sickness, by the fact that, the ice during the winter is seven feet in thickness, and consequently strong enough to support a city. Besides the casino, a theatre, a restaurant, and an hotel will also be erected. Business will be carried on until the ice melts, when the buildings will be taken down and stored away until next year. To speak appropriately, now that the gamblers have shown their hand, it will be interesting to see how the Government will set about trumping it.

It is always well, in these competitive days, to have some little peculiarity which marks one out from the common herd. An inhabitant of Kansas City who recently died, named Harry Beno, was particularly fortunate in this respect. He was widely known as the "Poison King," owing to his faculty of fooling able to consume strychnine, belladonna, arsenic, and other poisons without subsequent inconvenience. This strange gift was only discovered some six years ago, when, in Richmond, Indiana, he swallowed a piece of bread which had been spread with strychnine in order to destroy rats, without injury to his health. Had he been content with this one claim to fame he might well be alive to this day. With it, however, he combined an equally extraordinary faculty, that of immunity to pain and a readiness to allow nails or needles to be stuck into any part of his body without suffering any ill-effect. His last exploit was to allow a cobbler's awl to be driven into his head, with the result that he died shortly afterwards of brain paralysis. (It should be remembered that this incident happened, or is said to have happened, in America. It is vouched for by an American reporter. The rest lies between him and his conscience.)

The legendary Englishman who sold his wife at Smithfield with a halter round her neck turns out to have been a Russian. So at least we judge from an incident reported in the Russian papers which has just occurred in the neighbourhood of Irkutsk. The chief of police in that part of the world received the following letter from a peasant of Petrowka:—I have the honour to beg your Excellency to insert in the newspapers the announcement that at Petrowka a woman twenty years of age (my wife) and two young pigs are for sale, for 25 roubles the lot. The woman is of good appearance, an excellent housewife but ill-tempered; the pigs are well bred and in fine condition. If desired I would forward the woman, and the pigs, against cash on delivery. The chief, thinking that the letter was written by a madman, paid a visit to Petrowka. He found, however, that his correspondent was in full possession of his ordinary senses. He explained that his wife made his life so unbearable that selling her was the only possible course open to him. The chief then sent for the woman in order to discover what she thought of it. Though properly indignant at her husband's description of her temper, she appeared to think that there was nothing surprising in his proposal, which, indeed, she welcomed rather than otherwise.

The following story teaches very excellent and obvious moral. It is told of the minister of a certain church which may be located, according to the reader's liking, in Canada, America, Australia, South Africa, or indeed any English-speaking country—except England. In the town to whose spiritual needs he ministered there was strong difference of opinion between the members of three several denominations as to their respective merits. The clergyman in question determined to settle the matter once and for all. One Sunday he arose to deliver his discourse holding a fresh, green walnut in his hand. With this he proceeded to instil an object lesson. "My friends," he said, "this rind, which I now remove, is soft, useless, and unprofitable. It is like the—Church. Now I come to the shell. It is hard and strong, difficult to crack, but there is no taste or nourishment in it; it is valueless. It is like the—Church" (naming another denomination). "Now, when we are rid of the shell, we come to the kernel, which like our own Church, is—" He broke the shell and took out the kernel. It was rotten.

An interesting item in the collection of a Parisian who is also a fervent Bonapartist is a small album containing a complete series of all the visiting cards used by the Emperor Napoleon III. upon ceremonious or other occasion. Of special interest are those which are marked as dating from 1868. They are of a brilliancy and pure white colour which strikingly contrast with the faded and yellow tons of their neighbours of earlier or later date. The story attaching to them is sufficiently remarkable. Their unusual whiteness is due to the fact that a special varnish was used for them, invented by the stationer who supplied the Tuileries. A chief item in the composition of this varnish was arsenic. An old soldier from the provinces, who in exchange for his own had received one of the Emperor's cards, was so overcome with loyal emotion that he pressed it to his lips, kissing it repeatedly. Soon afterwards he was taken ill, and was found to be suffering from arsenical poisoning, which was traced to the Imperial visiting card. Napoleon heard of the matter, and needless to say, the use of such cards was discontinued.

At a meeting of French commercial travellers a few days ago, at which the President of the Republic was present, a M. Trouillot gave the following estimate of national character as displayed by different ambassadors of commerce. When the English commercial traveller arrives somewhere and finds that his goods are not suited to local requirements, he takes the train without delay and no more is seen of him. The German traveller, in similar circumstances, also goes away, but only to return with something more saleable. As to the Frenchman, he stops where he is and always succeeds in convincing his clients, against their own senses, that his goods are exactly what they require. M. Trouillot can scarcely expect us to agree with him, but the comparison is, if due allowance be made for the speaker's nationality, not without its significance.

The old doubts as to the possibility of a black swan find a Transatlantic revival in those as to the existence of a white buffalo. That one at least did exist is sufficiently proved by his existing, in a stuffed condition, in the State House in Kansas City, from which he was recently taken by the owner, who had for a time lent him for exhibition; but for a long period he was the black swan of innumerable hunters' stories. There was a tradition among the buffalo hunters that some mythical person has offered a reward of £200 for a white skin, and numerous were the efforts to gain it. One instance is reported of a famous hunter known as "Old Ben" Caulfield, famous for the fact that his wife was his hunting comrade. In 1873 he followed one herd from the northern boundary of what is now Oklahoma to the sandhills of Nebraska in the hope of killing a white bull which he had seen among them. When at last he succeeded it was only to find that the animal was whitewashed, a phenomenon which is less remarkable than it appears when one remembers that in Western Kansas natural lime-beds are found, and that it is the habit of the buffalo to roll himself in every pool of mud or water that he comes to. This, no doubt, rather than the existence of an occasional albino, accounts for the number of white bison which crop up in the traditions of the Wild West.

Bitter complaint is being made in Norway of the ever-decreasing bird life in that country. In former days there existed on the west coast and far to the northwards a quite unusual variety of species of birds. Year by year this has been decreasing. Lately as strict inquiry has been instituted into the reason of this by those interested, and the true reason has been discovered. It is, of course, the one that might have been expected. In the old days the peasantry and their feathered brothers lived on terms of mutual trust and esteem. Then, unluckily, a custom was introduced of selling obsolete military weapons for insignificant prices, with the result that every pocket can afford the expense of a gun. With their increase the number of birds has decreased proportionately. Another cause in the number of foreign egg collectors, amateur or professional, who appear upon the coast coincidentally with the eggs and, either personally or by deputies engaged for a trifling sum, harry the nests along the whole coast. One Swedish collector especially is reported year after year to carry away with him whole waggon-loads of eggs which are promiscuously collected for him by peasants in his pay. The vast majority of the eggs he simply throws aside as valueless, but makes a handsome profit by selling the occasional rarities which he discovers among them to British and other foreign collectors.

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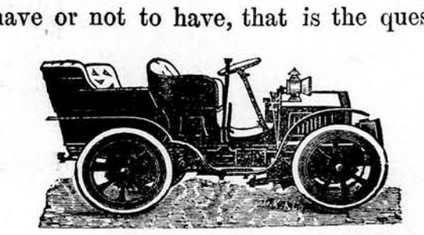

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It was the funniest thing in the world to see the players at His Majesty's in the first few rehearsals of "The Darling of the Gods." Imagine tall Mr. Beerbhom Tree, looking as sober as two judges rolled into one, and wearing the unpicturesque frock-coat attire of the English gentleman of to-day, shuffling about the stage like Miss Marie Tempest in "The Geisha," and falling down on his knees by a smoking tray to puff at a bamboo-stem pipe with a bowl in it no bigger than a child's thimble. Imagine the intense Miss Lena Ashwell, the heroine of "Mrs. Dane's Defence," of "Resurrection", and of "Dante," mincing down the undressed stage and waddling up it in jerky pursuit of imaginary butterflies, and joining in the squeaky little "E-e-" giggle of her maid Satsu—yet covered all the while in "the fashions of these times" and of his country.

And imagine Mr. Basil Gill one of the most seriously romantic of actors, with a voice so like Mr. Forbes Robertson's that to shut your eyes while listening to it is to picture the presence of "the best Hamlet of the age" on the red linings of the eyelids—imagine the handsome Mr. Gill in the lounge suit of the latest British fashion-plate, assuming a squatting posture on the boards of His Majesty's Theatre to deliver, in round and rich and resonant tones pretty little speeches of love and bold little speeches of the honourable duties of war. For the first week of rehearsals the nether joints of His Majesty's company ached most abominably. At least six scenes out of the eleven demanded that the actors and actresses should kneel squat or grovel about on their stomachs and the fatigue caused by the unusual exercise was, of a kind that made one or two of the male members of Mr. Tree's company wish the authors—Mr. David Belasco and Mr. John Luther Long—in a much easier place to get at than Japan.

All of the scenes in The Darling of the Gods are impressive in their several ways. Some impress by their mystic suggestions of adverse destiny—as, for instance, in the first act, where Yo-San, light-hearted daughter of the Prince of Tosan, kills a butterfly in the sunlight, and is immediately growled at by thunder and embraced by darkness. (The Gods are very angry in Japan when thoughtless people kill butterflies, and there is no market in Tokio for the fearsome green nets of amateur Latrellies, Burmeisters, and Huxleys.) Other scenes impress by the indescribable beauty of their colouring, and others still by the power of their tragedy or the biting directness of their dramatic conception. The La Tosca scene—the one scene of which the fourth act is composed—is probably the most impressive from a purely dramatic point of view, for herein we have what we might be permitted to call a Japanned repetition of the familiar torture-chamber excitement of the French play.

Kara, the hero, who is the leader of a small band of outlaws has been caught by the creeping spies of the crafty Zakkuri, Minister of War, and the Baron Scarpia of the piece, and taken to the torture chamber of the Palace of Zakkuri to have the secret of the whereabouts of his followers extracted from him by the persuasive influence of screws, knives, or, as Pooh-Bah said in The Mikado, "something lingering with boiling oil in it." Poor little Yo-San goes to the Palace to beg for her lover's release, and, as it is known by Zakkuri that she carries with her a paper showing the position of the outlaws' retreat, and as it is known by us that the Japanese Minister of War is a singularly wicked old gentleman, it comes as no very great surprise when he gives her a glimpse of the torture-chamber through a great trap-door in the floor, and tells her that her lover, whom she sees there in the hands of his men, shall be set free if she will give up the secret that the heroic Kara would die rather than divulge. This, of course, will be the popular scene of "The Darling of the gods," for even on the first night, when so many were present who know "the tricks of the trade," it was the best applauded. But if it may be said without conceit, gave me the poetic symbolism of the death of the butterfly, the creeping of the gnarled-back spies in the silence of the moonflowers, the whispering note of impending tragedy running through "The Feast of a Thousand Welcomes," the melancholy beauties of the Red Bamboo Forest, and the pathetic loveliness of the meeting of Kara and Yo-San, a thousand years after their death, in the First Celestial Heaven.

There is so much of humour mixed in with the cruelty of Zakkuri's character, that Mr. Tree is not likely to be offended if his performance awakens in us memories of Mr. Rutland Barrington's Pooh-Bah in The Mikado. It is chiefly the unctuously-expressed relish with which he refers to the pleasantries of his torture chamber that is responsible for the recollection though the puffy and oily make-up of the wicked War Minister is not wholly unreminiscent. His Zakkuri is productive, too of memories of his Paul Demetrius in The Red Lamp especially when the actor turns quickly round upon a suspect, in the hope of finding a face off its guard. The likeness to Scarpia is not a personal one, but lies merely in the fact that Zakkuri has to do what Scarpia does. But what is most striking in the way of comparison, if negative comparison be a known quantity is that Zakkuri is not a bit like Beerbohm Tree, except in voice. It is a Tree character without Tree mannerisms, and consequently a triumph.

Miss Lena Ashwell is naturally very strong and very charming as Yo-San, and Miss Ellen Terry, who was present at His Majesty's on the first night, must have shaken hands with herself over the circumstance of having awarded the young actress first prize in a school competition in elocution, and placed her at the Lyceum, in the part of Elaine, in the "King Arthur" play. A notable success is made by handsome Mr. Basil Gill in the part of Karg; Mr. Lyn Harding stands out prominently as Ina, a dumb slave desperately faithful, like Clon in "Under the Red Robe;" Miss Maud Hildyard is admirable as Rosy Sky, a wretched Geisha who goes mad; and Miss Sydney Fairbrother, looking for all the world—so cleverly is her face made up—as if she had been picked from a Japanese screen, is one of the gems of the piece as Setsu, Yo-San's maid.

This facial make up of Miss Sydney Fairbrother with its suggestion of a skin of greyish ivory, is not the only evidence of the actress's careful study of her part. I am told by a dweller in Japan that her shuffling walk and her silly little laugh are both admirably done, without the slightest exaggeration, and that her manner of squatting is perfect. Perhaps Miss Fairbrother (who, by the way, will be remembered for her exceedingly clever performance as one of the Two Little Vagabonds at the Princess's has been more than ordinarily earnest in the matter of acquiring the Japanese manner of "taking a seat." Anyhow, it is rumoured that the actress has for some weeks previous to the production of The Darling of the gods been using the floor instead of a chair for afternoon tea at home, and that on several occasions her friends, coming into her room suddenly, have only by the luckiest chance saved themselves from tripping over her into the fire.

It is good to hear that the housekeeping duties of Queen Spritely in Humpty-Dumpty have not proved too much for Mr. Dan Leno. He grapples nightly with the enormous subject of the fluctuating price in onion without turning a hair (except to put his wig straight when it gets a little out of drawing through the disturbing antics of the two pantomime cats), and if his voice is not so strong as of old, his manner is just as comic and his dancing just as wonderful. From strangers as well as from friends, in high life and low, the popular comedian has received hundreds of written congratulations upon his return to the stage in "fairly good healf" and he naturally attaches special sentimental value to a communication which is signed "A Darling in the Gods," and which is contains the lines:

We hail Queen Spritely
Loudly nightly
With truly royal ring;
For though Dan Leno
Plays a Queen-o,
Of comics he's our king!

There seems to be no urgent reason why a Queen-o should not be hailed "loudly nightly with truly royal ring." But no matter. One cannot expect reason as well as rhyme from the gallery. Mr. Beerbhom Tree found that out on the first night of The Darling of the Gods—and it was not a new discovery for him then.

Mr. Hugh J. Ward, who gives such a delightfully novel performance at Drury Lane as the Scarecrow, is from the same country as that to which Miss Louise Willis, the Humpty-Dumpty, belongs—America. Although this is his first appearance at Drury Lane he was engaged by Mr. Arthur Collins nearly two years ago, when that astute manager was in New York picking up fresh specimens for his great collection of talent in London. It was from America, too, and on the occasion of the same visit that Mr. Collins brought home something far more precious than Mr. Hugh J. Ward, and very, very different from a Scarecrow—namely, Mrs. Arthur Collins, The wedding in America was a quiet one and none of Mr. Collins' friends in London knew he was of the happy though married until he introduced them to his wife on his return to England, home, duty and Autumn drama. Mrs. Collins is very stylish and at the same time very girlishlooking, and her thoroughly untheatrical manners appear to one strangely at functions where the order of the day, or night, is Footlights with a capital "F."

Mr. David Belasco, Mr. John Luther Long's partner in the authorship of The Darling of the Gods, is so genial a man and so just a manager that one learns with surprise of his having recently been made the victim of an exceedingly cruel trick supposed to have been played on him by a stage hand with a grievance. At the last rehearsal of Mr. Belasco's play, Sweet Kitty Bellairs, at the Belasco Theatre, New York, it was suddenly discovered that every single rope used in moving the curtain and the scenery had been cut through. The rigging had been reduced to a tangle of endless ends (to quote the accomplished actor who sends me an account of this very villainous act), and it cost Mr. Belasco over a thousand dollars to have everything put right before the first public performance of his new play. But this though a malicious trick, was not so deadly as that which awaited Miss Ellen Lancaster Wallis on the occasion of the opening, or the intended opening, of the Shaftesbury Theatre. There someone had tampered with the machinery of the fireproof curtain (whether with evil intent it was never known), and as the wretched thing could not be raised, and there was no room in front of it for a performance of As You Like It as we would have preferred it, audience and actors had to trudge home again and hope for better luck next time.

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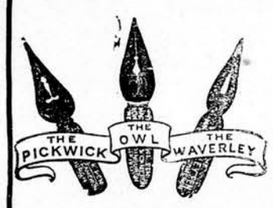

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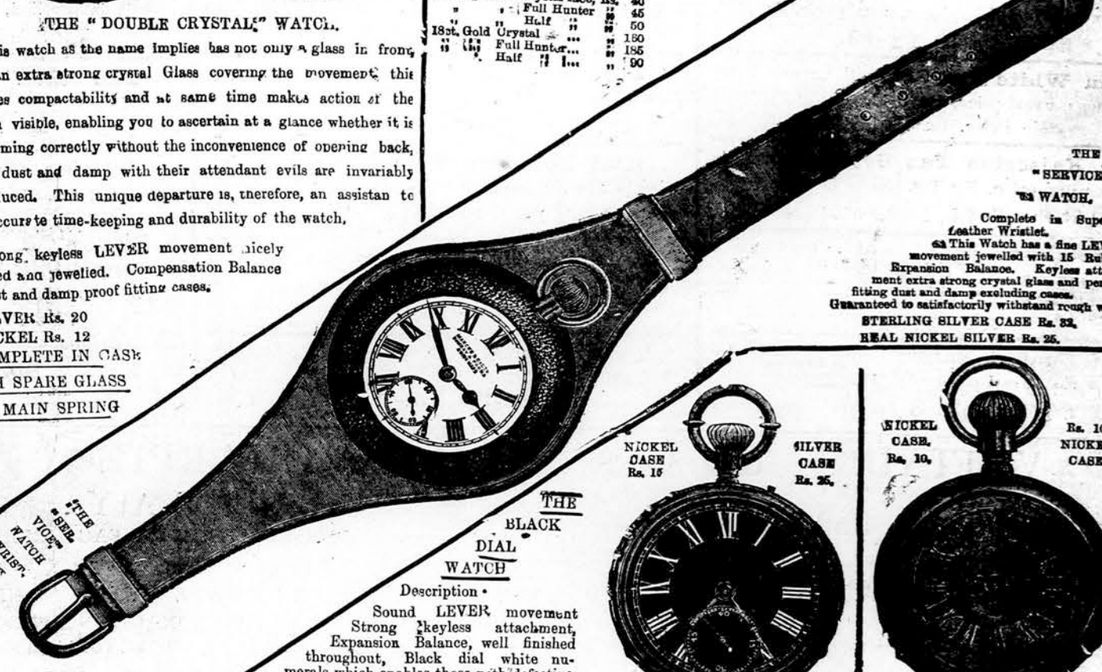

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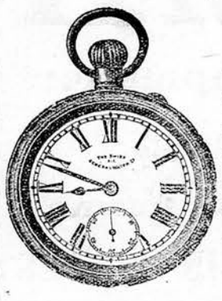

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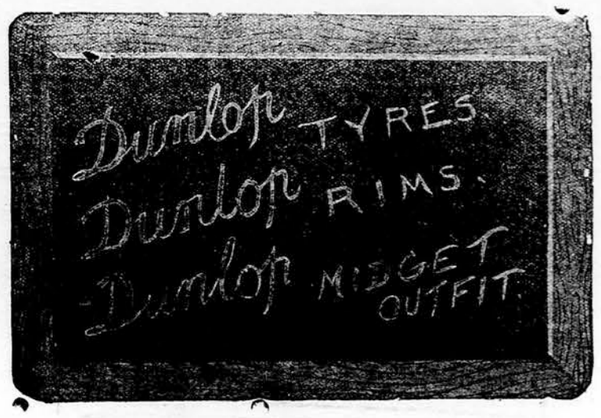

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